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TEMPTATION IN WAITING

Dover actress Karol Steele is starring in a new TV series showing how busy women can get back in touch with their younger selves. Karol will feature in the opening episode and title sequence of *Temptress*, based on the portfolio collection of the same name by celebrity photographer Alistair Morrison. Each episode will see one woman go through a makeover, followed by a photography session with Morrison himself, helping her rediscover her 'hidden temptress'. Shooting for the first pilot episode starts this month and if it's a success filming of the series will begin in the spring.

■ BY MARIJKE COX

THE search is on to find the unknown millionaire and owner of a winning Lottery ticket who is yet to claim their prize.

A massive jackpot of £3,786,303 remains untouched as officials from the National Lottery try to track down the person who bought the ticket in the Dover district, which includes the town itself, surrounding villages and Deal and Sandwich.

Players are being urged to check and double-check their tickets. The winning numbers which matched the draw on Wednesday, December 2, are 2, 19, 22, 25, 34 and 47.

The winner has until 5.30pm on Monday, May 31, 2010, to claim the life-changing prize. If no one comes forward before the deadline, the prize money, plus the interest it has gained, will go to good causes.

A spokesman from the National Lottery said: "We're desperate to find this mystery ticket-holder and unite them with their winnings – this jackpot prize could really make a huge difference to somebody's life."

"We're urging everyone to check their old tickets again or look anywhere a missing ticket could be hiding."

"Try checking in pockets, in wallets, bags and down the back of the sofa – someone out there could be sitting on a fortune."

"We have the Champagne on ice and our fingers crossed that the lucky winner comes forward to claim their prize."

To jog lottery-players' memories, Peter Kay's *Animated All Stars* topped the UK singles

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Eurotunnel: don't blame us for chaos

■ BY NICK AMES

CHANNEL Tunnel operator Eurotunnel has defended its actions over the pre-Christmas travel chaos.

The disruption was just one of the problems in the big freeze which saw the M20 blocked, villages cut off, ferries delayed and gridlock on roads.

But the Channel Tunnel was the worst hit – and the row rumbles on.

Eurotunnel said there was a lack of communication from train operator Eurostar to passengers and evacuations were prolonged because people were told to take bags with them.

It also blamed the police for excessive checking of passengers.

A bulletin issued to Eurotunnel shareholders rejected claims it contributed to the chaos, when 2,000 people were trapped in five trains.

The statement said: "Despite the fact that Eurotunnel is clearly not to blame for these failures, nor responsible for Eurostar's customer service, and that our teams intervened with speed and professionalism, we have been unfairly criticised."

The statement was issued after the breakdowns, which were caused by

condensation entering the high-speed trains' electrical systems.

It also criticised Eurostar's communication with travellers.

The bulletin said: "Although in contact with our teams, it is clear the Eurostar teams did not give the right information to passengers"

It said Eurostar staff "in total disregard of safety procedures, told passengers to bring luggage with them".

Eurotunnel also said it was "unacceptable" that Eurostar staff from the evacuated trains had been "complaining that they needed to be relieved" from duty.

In addition, the company said Kent Police had "conducted a series of incomprehensible and interminable checks and controls" during the crisis.

Eurostar said an independent review would establish the truth and added that passengers' safety was never compromised.

"In our view they should allow the panel of experts to get on with the review and let the facts speak for themselves," a Eurostar spokesman said.

A police spokesman said: "We will discuss any concerns if raised through the appropriate channels."

Some passengers spent hours trapped in the tunnel on the night of Friday, December 18.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Bakery reopens after closure order is lifted

THE Kent Bakery in London Road, Dover, which had been closed for health reasons, has now reopened.

An Emergency Prohibition Order was granted under the Food Hygiene Regulations 2006 at Dover court for reasons including lack of running water, filthy conditions and inadequate pest-proofing.

A spokesman for Dover council said: "The premises was permitted to reopen because the Health Risk Condition was removed."

Applications invited to join parish council

WALMER Parish Council will be inviting applications for a vacancy on the local authority.

It follows the resignation of councillor Vanessa Harrison due to the demands of a promotion at work.

Applicants for the voluntary position need to provide a written application and brief CV by Wednesday, February 3. Selection will be made at the full meeting of the parish council on Wednesday, February 10.

Festive lights winners

WALMER has announced the winners of its annual Christmas lights competition.

Awards for the most impressive lights displays go to Lesley Farlow and her family at The Maltings, Steve Fuller of Newlands Drive and Elizabeth and Robert Peacock of Generals Meadow, St Clare Road.

Residents in Blake Close, off Grams Road, were commended for their impressive community effort.

Gaswork plan agreed

PLANS for a doctors' surgery, community centre and housing on the former gasworks site in Cannon Street, Deal, have been approved.

Dover District Council's planning committee approved the scheme subject to finalising conditions with the developers. The scheme has been long campaigned for by members of the local business community.

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Violent crime 'rising fast' in coastal towns

■ BY NICK AMES

VIOLENT crime in seaside towns across England is increasing at almost double the rate of other parts of the country, according to a study by the Conservative Party.

The figures show that offences are up 78 per cent in coastal towns such as Dover, Herne Bay, Folkestone and communities across Swale and Thanet.

Violence against the person, sexual crimes and robbery were examined at a national level.

Shadow Home Secretary Chris Grayling visited Dover, where he toured the docks and met local Conservative Party candidate Charlie Elphicke and members of Kent County Council.

Mr Grayling said: "These figures show that our seaside towns, which are extremely important for the tourist industry and the country's wide economy, are suffering more from violent crime than many other areas."

He said a key to Conservative policy on cutting down on crime and also antisocial

behaviour would be an attempt to end the binge-drinking culture.

"I am not against licenced premises opening into the early hours, but I would like to see those who do so, pay to do so. The money could then be spent on ways to benefit the community," he said.

Freeing police officers from red tape so that they could be seen on the streets and have a great degree of interaction with the public would be another step forward, said Mr Grayling.

Statements

"I have spoken to police officers of all ranks and positions up and down the country and all are in favour of such action," he said.

Laura Sandys, the Conservative candidate for Thanet South, echoed his statements.

She said: "We recognise that coastal towns, particularly here in east Kent, are different from communities and towns just 15 miles inland, and for these to thrive we need policies that focus directly on our needs."

"I am pleased to welcome a comprehensive range of policies from the Conservative Party that aims to address those needs and offer real change for South Thanet and Sandwich."



DOCKLAND TOUR: Parliamentary candidate Charlie Elphicke with Shadow Home Secretary Chris Grayling in Dover

Port privatisation on agenda

SHADOW Home Secretary Chris Grayling visited Dover with Conservative Parliamentary candidate Charlie Elphicke as he set out the Conservative agenda on coastal towns.

They toured the Port of Dover to see how our borders are policed and heard about the Government's plan to privatise the port.

Also on the agenda were crime and anti-social behaviour, regeneration plans for the area and tourism.

Mr Grayling said that he was impressed with how things were being run at the port and said the trade and commercial link with France was vital to Britain's prosperity.

He said: "Our manifesto for seaside towns sets out a range of ways in which we will seek to boost towns like Dover. We need to stimulate small business and in particular the tourist trade - and to give those towns greater control over their own affairs."

"But Dover will benefit in particular from our plans for tough border controls and action against antisocial behaviour."

The pair also met local members of Kent County Council.

Mr Elphicke said: "I explained the deep-felt concerns about the need for proper border security and the concerns the community has about Labour's port privatisation plans."

£3.7m lottery win waiting to be claimed

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chart at the time the winning numbers were drawn with The Official BBC Children in Need medley.

Susan Boyle was at the top of the album charts with I Dreamed A Dream.

Dover Athletic played the night before the Lotto draw on Tuesday, December 1, with the Blue Square South team taking home a point from Staines Town following a 0-0 draw.

Since Wednesday, July 15, there have been 20 unclaimed prizes, totalling £10,522,703.

If these remain unclaimed, the money, plus interest, will go to good causes, adding to the £23 billion already raised through sales of tickets since the National Lottery launch in November 1994.

Anyone who believes they have the winning ticket should call the National Lottery Line on 0845 910 0000 within the 180-day deadline.

The National Lottery encourages players to set up a subscription or play online at www.national-lottery.co.uk or on their mobile phone through Play By Text to avoid missing out on their prize.

Phone 0845 912 5000, or visit www.national-lottery.co.uk.

'Sub-standard' bus station needs work now, says society

THE bus station in Deal is in an "appalling state" and urgent work needs to be done to bring it up to standard, say campaigners.

They are asking when something is going to be done to improve facilities for passengers at Deal's South Street bus station, which accommodates local services as well as long-distance coaches.

Robin Green, the chairman of the Deal Society, says the group has received a number of complaints and it considers the area to be in an appalling state.

He slated the "sub-standard facilities" at what he says is an important amenity for residents and visitors.

Society members also believe that development of public transport is crucial to the local economy.

Although there are long-term plans to improve the South Street area, no definite dates or money for the work have been allocated.

Dover District Council says any regeneration of South Street will be a joint venture involving district and



parish councillors, Kent Highways and the Stagecoach bus operator.

In an attempt to get some action, Mr Green has written to local district councillors asking them to look into the matter and say when regeneration of the South Street bus station is likely to happen.

Michael Harrison uses the services to get to and from work.

He said: "There is no real cover, so everyone is exposed to the elements unless they want to wait in the public toilets behind the bus stop."

"I know Deal is a smaller town than Canterbury where I work, but the difference in facilities is truly remarkable."

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Eurostar 'needs to work to rebuild confidence'

A FORMER British Airways brand consultant says that Eurostar needs to work hard to regain the public's confidence after the train breakdowns in the cold weather.

Simon Middleton said: "All companies will, at one time or another, face a product crisis and let its customers down."

"The most important thing is how they respond. Eurostar's response was not good enough for the brand or its customers."

The chaos in the run-up to Christmas left more than 55,000 passengers stranded in France, Belgium, England and the Channel Tunnel itself.

Passenger have been asked to write to Eurostar's office in Ashford if they want to claim compensation. The address is Traveller Care, 2nd Floor, Kent House, 81 Station Road, Ashford, Kent, TN23 1AP; or email Traveller.Care@eurostar.co.uk.

How to stay warm and safe during cold weather

KENT Fire and Rescue Service is reminding people to take a few simple safety precautions to stay safe during the winter.

With temperatures remaining low, people often turn to open fires and other heat sources to stay warm, but fire-fighters have the following advice to prevent a blaze:

If you plan on using an open fire, make sure your chimney has been recently swept as build-ups of soot and ash can cause chimney fires.

When going to bed, householders should also make doubly certain that an open fire is either out, or pushed back into the grate and a guard used to prevent sparks hitting carpets or furnishings.

Wildlife park can make use of Christmas waste

STAFF at a wildlife park have appealed for donations of Christmas waste for educational projects.

The Wildwood Trust, near Herne, is asking for old wrapping paper and cards for craft activities at its education centre.

Staff also want biscuit tins and clear plastic sweet boxes to use as storage for specimens and artefacts.

Education officer Laura Hester said: "We want people to donate what would normally get thrown away."

Call to blood donors as supplies run low

■ BY MARIJKE COX

VITAL blood supplies are at risk of falling drastically low – and the NHS is calling on readers to roll up their sleeves and help re-stock essential provisions.

Health experts say the drop follows the severe weather which left many people unable to get to donation sessions.

Accidents caused by icy pavements and treacherous driving conditions also meant additional supplies were used across the UK to treat casualties in A&E.

The busy Christmas period was another factor blamed for the decrease in donors.

Claire Dolling, spokeswoman from NHS Blood and Transplant, said the festive season always led to a drop in donors but this year the problem had been even worse.

"Because Christmas fell on a Friday this year, there were fewer blood donor sessions over the two-week period – six full days and two half-days instead of the usual 10 full days," she said. "It's vital that people continue to give blood – especially at this time of year as stocks traditionally take a drop."

"Christmas can be a hectic time for many.



With all the preparations and anticipation for the festive season, giving blood can fall down the 'to-do list'. We are urging readers to think of others and give blood as it really does save lives.

"Blood stocks have to be constantly replenished and we'd like to get more people regularly giving blood in Kent."

Donated blood – which is used in life-saving operations – cannot be stockpiled as the two components taken from it have short shelf-lives.

Ms Dolling said: "Platelets – a clotting factor used to help treat leukaemia and cancer patients – last for just five days."

"Red cells last longer, at 35 days, and are often transfused to patients suffering from severe anaemia or severe blood loss."

"It's therefore vital that both regular and new donors come forward to give blood and ensure sufficient blood is available for patients."

Ruth Greenaway, from the National Blood Service, part of NHS Blood and Transplant, said that although supplies in the county were not yet at rock bottom, the spell of severe weather had hit stocks.

"The bad weather kept people from getting to their donation sessions," she said.

"We can't stockpile blood. Red cells only have a shelf-life of 35 days and platelets just a few days. People should make it their New Year's resolution to give blood – it's only once every 16 weeks."

Ms Dolling added: "Giving blood is one of most selfless acts you can do to help others."

"It takes less than an hour, is painless and you never know when you may need blood yourself."

"Appointments can be made so you're not kept waiting and many people fit it in on their way to or from work."

"If it's been on your to-do list for ages and you haven't got around to it, tick it off today."

To find out how to become a donor, go to www.blood.co.uk or phone 0300 123 23 23.

Fire crews rescue dog trapped for six days

A FIVE-hour rescue by fire-fighters got Lucky the dog out of a badger sett just in time for Christmas.

The 12-year-old Lakeland Patterdale cross had been stuck for six days before his dramatic rescue on Christmas Eve.

Lucky went missing on a walk in woodland near the William Harvey Hospital in Ashford on Friday, December 18.

Owner Sue Williamson said: "We searched for two days but had no joy. On the Wednesday we heard Lucky barking but had to leave him until it got light when the fire-fighters arrived."

Alerted by the RSPCA, crews from the Ashford and Larkfield stations and the

urban search-and-rescue team used cameras and listening devices to find Lucky.

Larkfield firemen cut down trees to make sure the area was safe and the crew from Ashford dug down to rescue the dog.

Larkfield station manager Colin King said: "It took about five hours, but we're delighted at the successful outcome."

Lucky was taken to a vets with dehydration and a serious eye infection which needed an operation but was home by Sunday.

Mrs Williamson said: "He has made a fantastic recovery, thanks to the fire-fighters."

"We can't get over how dedicated they all are and this has been a brilliant Christmas present for us."



RESCUED: Lucky is reunited with his owners after his six-day ordeal in a badger sett



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PROFESSIONAL: Firefighters lift off the roof of the car during the demonstration in Canterbury city centre

Playing victim of car accident an eye-opener

■ BY NICK AMES

JOURNALISTS often – probably too often – have to write about car crashes and the clichés come easily to the keyboard.

“Emergency services rushed to the scene” is one, then there is “cut from the wreckage”, or “pulled to safety” before “condition is reported as comfortable/stable/critical” – which is usually the last readers hear of the victim.

A cold day in the centre of Canterbury gave me the chance to see what it is like – without the pain and grief – to be the person at the sharp end of a road accident.

The county's emergency services wanted someone to play the part of a driver stuck behind the wheel of a crashed car while they demonstrated to the public how rescues were carried out – as well as explaining the dangers of drink driving.

The road show, which involves firefighters and paramedics, has toured the county to drive home the safety message.

After a short briefing I was wedged into the car which had been placed in Rose Square by Whitefriars shopping centre and a crowd of several hundred gathered round.

One firefighter carried on a commentary as the team prepared. I was in the driver's seat and the exercise started.

A fire-fighter came to the window of the car and asked me how I was feeling. “Can you move at all?” he said. “Where is it hurting?”

I had been told to simulate spinal injuries so I said my back and shoulders – he told me not to nod my head and just to keep calm.

A crash helmet had been put on my head and a neck brace strapped to my torso. An oxygen mask was then put on me and a mock-up plasma bag strapped to my arm.

Another fire-fighter then came into the back seat: “You're in no danger,” he reassured me. “I wouldn't be here if you were.”

Just as I was getting used to it – and it wasn't really claustrophobic – a microphone appeared under the mask and I heard the question “How do you feel?”

“Err, well OK really, I know I'm in good hands. I don't feel in danger, I don't feel trapped or shut in, I'm just relying on people who obviously know their jobs.”

A female Fire and Rescue Brigade mem-

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bers told me her job was to keep the victim calm by talking.

“The person is obviously in shock, but my job is to keep on reassuring them,” she said.

The voice behind me then said: “They are starting to cut the roof off, but sit tight, you'll be okay.”

An icy blast of wind assured me the car was well and truly cracked open, as the wind-screen was also removed.

A stretcher was manoeuvred down the back of the seat and I was pulled on to it.

“One, two, three four pull,” said a member of the emergency crew as I was pulled on to the stretcher, strapped up, and removed from the wreck.

The whole procedure was remarkably smooth, and I never felt that I was in a problem situation. I know it's not real and I wasn't hurt. I could hear, mostly, and see, a bit, everything that went on.

I admired the way the crews, fire-fighters and paramedics carried out their tasks. It must be really grim when the victim has lost a limb or is close to death.

But the professionalism they showed and their ability to communicate and reassure me convinced me there are probably no finer people in the world to be forced to rely on when your life is at stake.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Steam engine to rescue

STRANDED rail passengers were given a helping hand during the cold snap – by a steam locomotive.

As heavy snow brought much of Europe's rail network to a standstill, the Tornado steam train completed the route from London Victoria to Dover twice on Monday, December 20, carrying commuters left stranded by modern trains.

The Tornado, a Peppercorn Class A1 steam train, now operates excursion tours and took a group of enthusiasts almost 20 years to build.

It was unaffected by the icy weather and dropped passengers at various stations along the Network Rail main line before its arrival in Dover.

Mark Allatt, chairman of The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust, said: “We were delighted she was able to brave the arctic weather to haul two of the few trains to run in Kent.”

Actress Joanna 'national hero' for Gurkha campaign

ACTRESS Joanna Lumley has been named as one of the Heroes of 2009 by The Daily Telegraph.

The paper said she “became an established national treasure when she battled for recognition for the Gurkhas.”

In salute an article stated “She has always held the regiment in deep esteem and affection – her father, Major James Lumley, served in Burma during the Second World War with the 3rd Battalion of the 6th Gurkha Rifles – and she was outraged to discover that Nepalese soldiers were denied the right to live in the UK.

“She became the figurehead for the Gurkha Justice Campaign, using her intellect and elegance to bully, belittle and badger the Government into a policy change.

“Her triumph has meant that those brave Nepalese soldiers who have fought for Britain across the globe, and who retired before 1997, will now be entitled to live here, along with their families.”

Last month the former Absolutely Fabulous star sent “a blizzard of kisses” to Kent on Sunday and its readers for supporting her campaign for the soldiers currently based in Folkestone and Maidstone.



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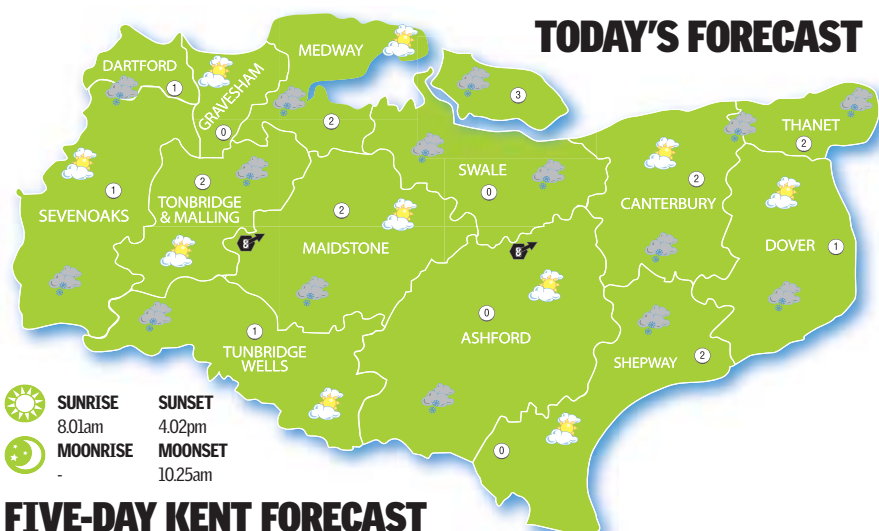
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	Sunday	6:37am	5.7m
Dungeness	Saturday	6:03pm	6.2m
	Sunday	6:35am	6.4m
Ramsgate	Saturday	6:39pm	4.2m
	Sunday	7:07am	4.3m
Sheerness	Saturday	6:48am	5.2m
	Sunday	7:59am	5.0m
Whitstable	Saturday	6:49am	4.9m
	Sunday	8:05am	4.7m



AROUND THE WORLD YESTERDAY

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Athens	10°C	New York	-6°C
Barcelona	10°C	Paris	-3°C
Beijing	-11°C	Rome	8°C
Bombay	29°C	Sydney	22°C
Cape Town	26°C	Tenerife	23°C
Cardiff	0°C	Tokyo	6°C
Gibraltar	17°C	Vancouver	7°C
Hong Kong	21°C	Warsaw	-6°C
Las Palmas	23°C	Wellington	21°C



EMPLOYED IN ACTION: Jon Barnard receives a certificate

Lord Lieutenant recognises firm support for reservists

ALLAN WILLETT, Lord Lieutenant of Kent, has paid tribute to the support of the county's employers who have reservists from all three services among their personnel who have been mobilised for overseas operations including those in Iraq and Afghanistan.

At a special ceremony, the Lord Lieutenant presented Jon Barnard, Higher Officer of UK Border Agency, the agency responsible for securing the UK borders and controlling immigration based in Dover, with a 'Supporting Britain's Reservists and Employers' (SaBRE) certificate acknowledging its support of Volunteer Reservists in its employ.

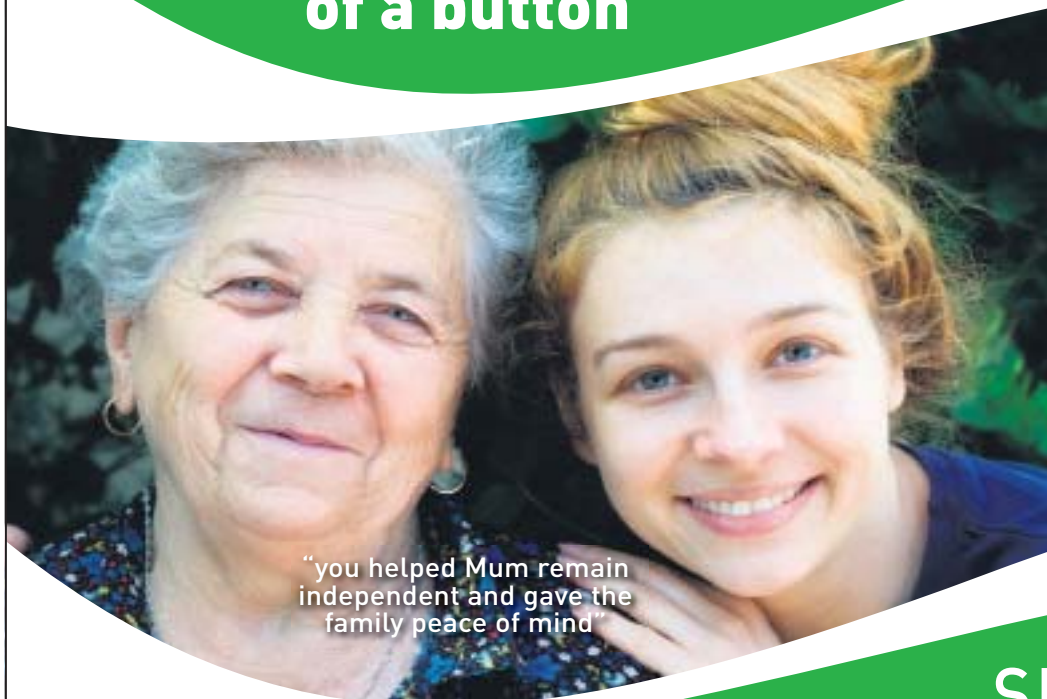
SaBRE is a Ministry of Defence campaign designed to engage and educate employers of reservists as to the benefits and their obligations associated with employing members of the Volunteer Reserves.

It also encourages them to incorporate their support for these employees in their company policies.

FIVE-DAY KENT FORECAST

	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon		Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
Ashford	3°C	2°C	1°C	1°C	2°C	Gravesend	3°C	2°C	2°C	2°C	2°C
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QUESTION & ANSWER

KYLE HILL



Q Tell us a little about yourself

A I'm originally from Kansas City, Missouri, which is lovingly called the Heart of America, based on its geographically central location. I make no secret of this as I talk about home too much.

I relocated to Folkestone in May. Prior to my arrival here, I worked at a news/talk radio station in north-west Arkansas for 18 months, specialising in news stories originating from Missouri. I consider myself a budding journalist, having worked not only in radio but also on my university's weekly newspaper (Truman State University Index) from 2005 to 2007.

I currently operate a blog, appropriately titled The Missouri Expatriate, where I hope to comment and report on happenings here for readers back home and also weigh in on news items that occur there.

I'm 24 and until last November, when I first visited my fiancée, I had only been outside the United States once, in 1998 when my family drove through Ontario to visit Niagara Falls.

Q How did you first come to know and discover Shepway?

A My fiancée lives in Folkestone, and when we decided to pursue life together I began researching the area. Plenty of Googling and reading Wikipedia before I arrived, plus plenty of walking and reading the papers, like Yourshepway, once here.

Q What is it that appeals to you about working in media?

A I'm interested in current affairs, particularly politics and government. I like to see government in action, hopefully working in the best interests of the citizenry and calling them out when they aren't. I make it a point to be aware of what's going on in my city, and eventually that entails telling everyone about it by working for the Press or pursuing independent media ventures.

Q Who would you say are your greatest inspirations?

A My parents, who are hard workers and desired to instil that in my brother, sister and me. They looked after us and in some instances spoiled us. Only now am I realising how much they invested in us, and look at that with great appreciation and affection.

Q How does living in Shepway differ to Missouri?

A It's not as reliant on the automobile. I grew up in a large collection of neighbourhoods on the outermost reaches of Kansas City. Despite the large number of houses, everything was at least a two-mile drive away. The bus service was non-existent except for the school buses, too. I appreciate how in Folkestone I'm able to walk out the door, turn the corner and visit a plethora of local shops and pubs, or jump on the train to Europe. It's

quite enjoyable to walk to the store and buy the day's groceries.

Q What do you think the future holds for the district?

A It's an exciting time to observe and become immersed in the potential amount of political change in Shepway and the UK in the coming months. Hopefully, Shepway's councillors are looking to improve their ranking and will turn around and lead the way for the nation in transparency, accountability and frugality – three things I sense have been sorely lacking in elected representatives.

Q Where can people find out about you and your work?

A Simply Google 'Missouri Expatriate' – it helps that it's hosted by the Google subsidiary Blogger. I'm also putting together a professional website that will have my sound checks, best writing samples and photographs.

Q What do you like to do in your spare time when you're not working?

A My fiancée and I go scuba-diving about one weekend a month. She's the diver and I'm surface support. She's also involved in Scuba Trust, a charity which allows disabled people to experience diving. We're in charge of their website, www.scubatrust.org.uk. When she's not underwater, I'm at home glued to BBC News and Twitter.

Q&A

The American blogger and aspiring journalist, who now lives in Folkestone, spoke to **James Alexandre** about growing up in Missouri, how he first came to Kent and his passion for scuba-diving and cycling

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Police call to share Stack costs

Agencies urged to take responsibility

■ BY NICK AMES

POLICE leaders are calling on other agencies to help pay the £2 million needed to run Operation Stack instead of forcing Kent's taxpayers to foot the bill.

Operation Stack is implemented on sections of the M20 should ferries from the Port of Dover or the Channel Tunnel stop running – turning the motorway into a lorry park until services to Europe resumes.

Burden

The responsibility for Stack originally fell on Kent Police when it first ran on the A2 at Lydden in the 1980s, as the Highways Agency did not exist, but now the Kent Police Authority thinks it is time to share the burden.

Ann Barnes, chairwoman of the authority, has called for a long-term solution for Stack after the bill for policing the foreign lorries during 2008/09 cost Kent taxpayers about £2 million and each time takes up hundreds of hours of valuable police time.

Mrs Barnes said: "No one has taken any responsibility for Operation Stack. This is not a local problem, but a national one."

"Our officers should be in our communities



CLOSED: Operation Stack is enforced on parts of the M20 when cross-Channel ferry services are disrupted

and our neighbourhoods keeping people safe and doing what we pay them to do.

"I think it's shocking that police time is being spent babysitting foreign lorry-drivers.

"It's grossly unfair that our police council taxpayers here in Kent have to pay for this.

But from a safety perspective we have no choice.

"Without Kent Police, Operation Stack would grind the county to a halt. The economic impact would be enormous."

Mark Gilmartin, chief executive of the

authority, said: "We are not trying to shift the responsibility completely as that wouldn't be fair at all and not what we want to do, but we need to look at other partner agencies getting involved."

"Kent Police needs to be involved as there is the safety issue, but it's not right to always use our front-line resources – our officers should be in the community."

In response to the police authority's call for extra help to operate Stack, the Highways Agency says it has contributed and does not have the funds to give any more.

A spokesman said: "The Highways Agency has made significant capital investment – around £10 million in the last four years – into Operation Stack, including provision of the Quickchange Moveable Barrier, advance signing on approaches to junctions on the M20, CCTV, traffic officers and other associated costs."

The effect of Stack, when implemented, also hits companies financially.

The Federation of Small Businesses has estimated that blockades at Calais port and the subsequent stoppage of crossings cost the UK haulage industry £1 million a day.

And with delays on deliveries and traffic problems caused by Stack, a further half-a-million daily is lost.

The latest implementation of Stack which took place last month follows three other occasions it has been brought in this year and 21 times last year – including the eight implementations for the SeaFrance strike between February 28 and March 15 last year.

Kent Council County's favoured option to deal with Stack is to open giant lorry parks to keep truckers of the M20 when the ports are closed.

Hauliers slow to pay £1.5m immigrant smuggling fines

TRUCK-DRIVERS are not being punished enough for smuggling illegal immigrants from Calais into the UK.

The conclusion was reached after an inspection into the work carried out by the United Kingdom Borders Agency (UKBA).

The report was published by the agency's independent inspector John Vine.

He found that £1.5 million in fines was still to be collected by the agency from lorry companies whose vehicles had been found to contain illegal immigrants.

Under the law, introduced in 2000, haulage companies can be fined up to £4,000 and if they fail to pay they can have the vehicle impounded.

However, the report found that almost no

companies or drivers had been added to the agency's vehicle-seizure list since September 2008.

In his report Mr Vine said: "We saw little effective leadership or accountability for the civil-penalty process within the UKBA."

The inspectors blamed a lack of resources, poor management and a lack of targets that affectively allowed lorry companies to ignore the law.

Stowaways

The number of stowaways found in trucks in France has massively increased over the last three years.

In 2007 4,241 were found by UKBA staff; this had risen to 8,058 by September 2009.

The report said that although officers on the ground in Calais tried to do their best to carry out searches they lacked the equipment and facilities to do the job.

Mr Vine said: "We found there was a shortage of basic equipment available to staff, including torches, cameras and bolt-cutters."

"The accommodation at Calais was also very limited – in terms of both the space and facilities available for staff and customers."

If lorry-drivers were caught with illegal immigrants in their trucks the penalty-fine system was not acting as a deterrent.

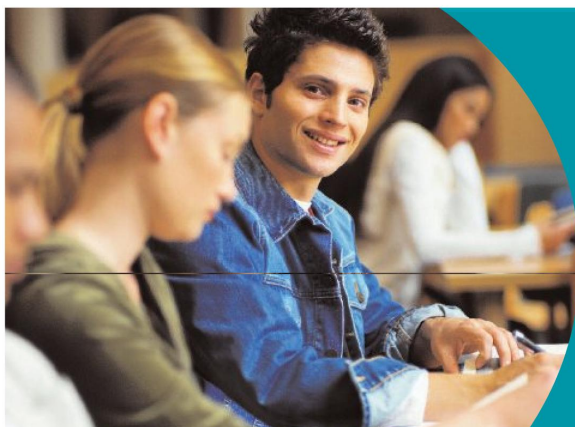
A large backlog of cases had built up, meaning that the agency would resort to sending out warning letters and not issue a fine because of lack of staff.

Mr Vine said that more vehicles should be impounded by the UKBA because in most cases the fine was paid within two days.

He concluded: "We found no evidence to show that quality reviews were undertaken in relation to the civil-penalty scheme, either to identify opportunities for improvement or to ensure consistent application of the scheme."

Damian Green, Ashford MP and Conservative spokesman on immigration, said the report was another example of the chaos in the immigration system.

A spokesman for the UKBA said that it had recovered £250,000 of fines since April; it was improving its holding facilities in Calais and speeding up its processing service.



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yourblogger

Finding somewhere to park in their own road is a growing challenge for one (still calm) reader

Parking hogs probably leave their towels on sunbeds, too

FORGET first-come-first-served. Parking in my street is one for all and all for one – and their friends, family and acquaintances.

Spaces in residents' parking bays are sunloungers on a holiday resort. Cars are the towels, used by their owners to reserve spaces for their nearest and dearest. Unfortunately, cars aren't so easy to pick up and chuck away when the reservation lasts all day. Forget love thy neighbour. It has become a battle between households out there.

It started when some absent-minded resident left their car in the middle of a double bay while they were on holiday for two weeks. (I wonder what their towel etiquette was like.)

This eliminated a space for the rest of us – most annoying. Some residents left little notes on its windscreen, politely, and some not-so-politely, requesting the culprit considered their neighbours when parking in future. Fair

enough, I suppose. However, the note-writers have now adopted this strategy and are using it to their own advantage.

They park deliberately in the middle of two-car bays, or several feet before the end of a larger bay to save spaces for the other family cars.

One household is fortunate enough to have a garage and a drive. However, they still hog a space in the public parking bay all day, to keep a space for one of their other three cars.

All the while their drive sits empty. They employ the same tactic for visitors, of which there are many.

I know parking is a problem. My heart sinks when I pull into my jam-packed road and am forced to park on the other side of the county instead. It's inconvenient for my husband, as well, who has heavy tools to transport from his van to the house.

It's irritating, but the note-writers behind this new 'game' are more infuriating. Especially when you ask them gently if they

can move their car up, so you can park in the street you also pay your permit for, and they point-blank refuse! What happened to the "consideration for your neighbours" they harked on about? Three words to the hypocritical note-writers: pot, kettle and black.

It's not the council's fault, but it is ironic that the price of permits continues to increase while the actual spaces disappear.

At present I still have my principles and refuse to participate in this selfish activity. I don't have the audacity to rob spaces from my other neighbours, who face the same dilemma.

Maybe I'm soft, but I don't want to enter into this battle for the bays. I prefer to believe in the illusion that some sort of neighbourhood camaraderie and respect still exist.

Needless to say, I won't be holidaying at the same time and on the same resort as any of the note-writers. I'd probably end up sunbathing on the road outside the hotel if they had their way. Then again, maybe not. That'd be jammed full with their hire-cars.

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Bravery of Scout trio is rewarded

SCOUTS HONOUR: Hannah Walker (left), with Andrew Hunt and Kirstie Greenslade



THREE Scouts from across the county have received commendations for acts of bravery in emergency situations.

Andrew Hunt, 18, from Deal; Kirstie Greenslade, 17, from Thanet; and Hannah Walker, 15, from Sheppey, have been presented with awards for decisive action during three traumatic incidents last year.

All their actions helped to prevent others coming to harm.

Andrew was taking part in a Scout expedition to South Africa when an Italian fisherman got into difficulties. For his life-saving actions Andrew was awarded the Silver Cross.

Life-saving

The citation reads: "In recognition of his courage when he rescued a fisherman who had been swept out to sea by a rip tide and rough waves, whilst putting himself at considerable risk, his actions were the result of this life-saving incident at Cape Vidal, South Africa, August 2009."

Kirstie, who is an Explorer Sea Scout with the 1st St Peters Group, used her training to rescue a man from the sea and was awarded the Chief Scout's Commendation for Meritorious Conduct.

■ BY NICK AMES

The citation reads: "In recognition of her prompt and appropriate action when she went to the rescue of a swimmer who was unconscious, she shouted for assistance while keeping his head above water and then helped get him to safety on June 28, 2009."

Hannah's swift action at Minster College, Sheppey, when a heating duct collapsed during a school exam earned her the Gilt Cross.

The citation read: "In recognition of her bravery and quick thinking when she saw a ventilation duct falling from the ceiling during a school examination, she pushed a fellow pupil to safety and was injured herself as a result of her actions, but despite this offered first aid to others."

Scout officials said the trio acted out of instinct and put themselves at risk in order to save the lives of others.

Chief Scout and TV action man Bear Grylls said: "These Scouts have shown great bravery and their acts are an inspiration. Scouts train for these moments. I am so proud that when it mattered they showed great scouting spirit."

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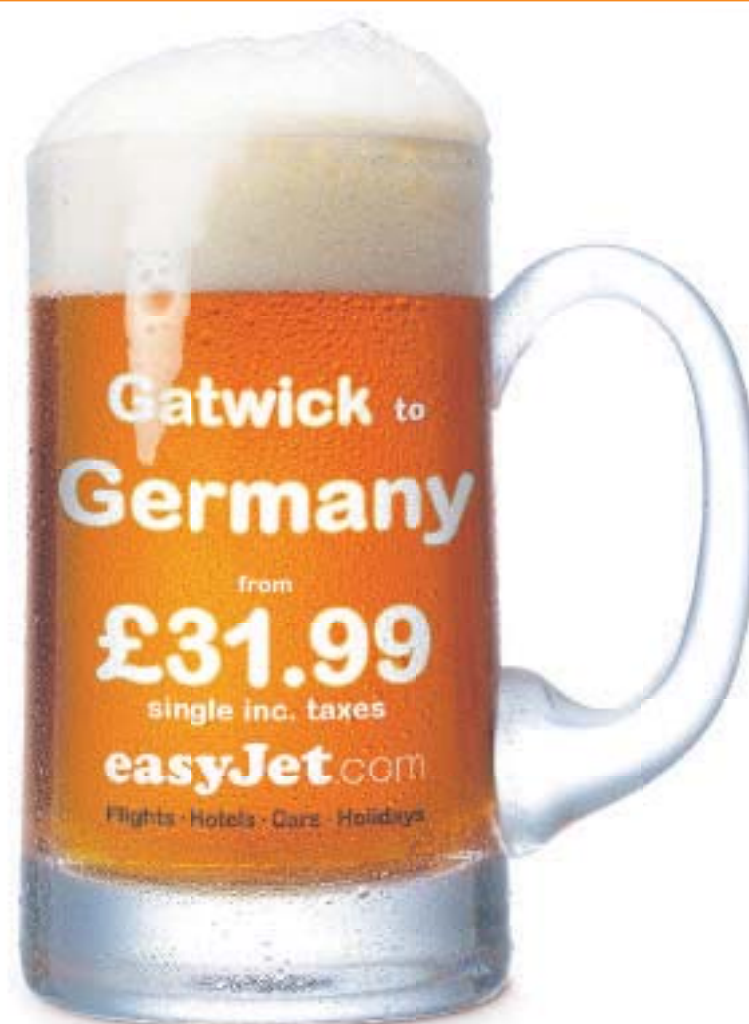
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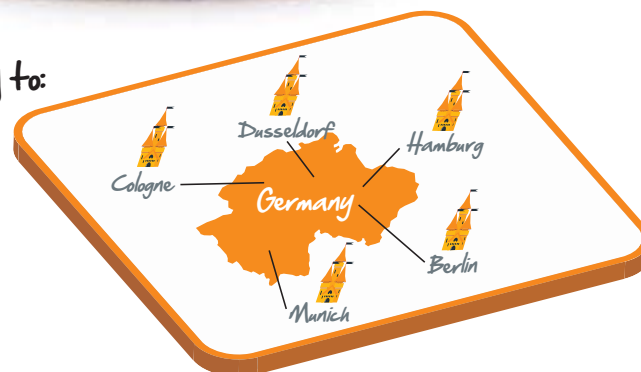
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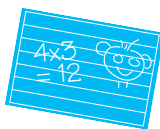
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Healthy eating is a hot topic on roadshow



SO TASTY: Budding young chefs from South Kent College spent the day showing children just how much fun healthy food can be

TRAINEE chefs from South Kent College were on hand to show school pupils the benefits of healthy eating as part of a one-day roadshow.

They made their appearance at Aycliffe Community Primary School in Dover as part of the Government's Every Child Matters campaign, which seeks to improve the well-being of young people up to the age of 19.

The chefs talked about healthy eating and also gave practical sessions, with every child at the school taking part. All 120 children learned how to make fruit kebabs while being encouraged to try everything as they worked with the Level 3 chefs.

The trainee chefs spent the whole day at the school, taking over the hall where tables were laid out with an alarming selection of knives and a vast variety of fruit.

The walls echoed to the shouts of "Yes Chef!" as they followed instructions from college lecturer Simon Kenmure.

Mr Kenmure said: "The school gave excellent feedback on the day and feel this could become an annual event for them."

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

One pupil was even persuaded to eat his first piece of fruit after the chefs made such a good impression. The kebabs were cooked in the school kitchens before being eaten.

The chefs who volunteered for the day were assessed on their supervisory units within their qualification as a result of the visit.

The college enrolls more than 10,000 students annually and has campuses in Shorncliffe Road, Folkestone, and Maison Dieu Road in Dover.

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BREAK TIME

Students are in tune with organisation

PUPILS at St Edmund's Catholic School in Dover were so keen to take part in their annual Christmas performance that auditions had to be held.

The performance was organised entirely by year 13 BTEC music students Jamie Rogers, Hannah Crowley, Louise Orfila and Sam Ives.

A spokesman for the event said: "Organising a concert is a requirement of the BTEC course and they did a fantastic job. The evening got off to a lively start with the jazz band performing Frosty The Snowman, followed by the St Edmund's wind band leading the audience with O Little Town Of Bethlehem."

"The choir then performed an enthusiastic rendition of Radio Ga Ga, publicising the forthcoming production of We Will Rock You in February."

Charlie Bowyer performed his own composition A Festive Thought on the piano, followed by Luke Mackenzie singing and playing guitar with Green Day's Time Of Your Life.

The spokesman said: "There were many highlights, but special mention should go to Harriet Crowley, who performed a highly expressive version of Delibes Flower Duet



PIANIST: Jamie Rogers was one of the show stars

with her oboe teacher Catherine Smith; Louise Orfila, who once again sang brilliantly with her own song What It Means To Be A Friend; and Jamie Rogers, who was outstanding playing the piano.

"As always, the students must be congratulated on their efforts and dedication, and many thanks go to all the staff involved, namely Sue Yardley, director of music; Mel McNie, director of performing arts; Jenny Parks, dance teacher; and Flora Bainbridge, performing arts chaplain, who organises the choir."

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TALK TIME

HEATHER CHANTLER

The RSPB's learning officer at Dungeness spoke to us about her love of nature, and of teaching the next generation



Tell us something about yourself

I have lived in Kent since I was a little girl. I went to Ashford at Highworth Girls School, then after going to university in the Midlands returned to do a PGCE at Canterbury. I live near Deal with my partner, Nigel, and my children, Arun and Jay.

How did you become involved with the RSPB?

I have worked for the RSPB for seven years, first as a field teacher and then as the lifelong-learning officer. I have been interested in nature conservation and birds for as long as I can remember. My dad's love of nature was a great inspiration and he would take us out into the countryside to show us wildlife. So when I had the chance to work for the RSPB I jumped at the chance.

What do you do within the organisation?

As lifelong-learning officer, my role is to organise our education programme at the nature reserve. We welcome schools to explore and enjoy the wildlife here. We go pond-dipping, mini-beast-hunting, birdwatching and lots more besides. We also visit schools, showing them how to look after the birds and other wildlife around their grounds. We also have events for families and adults on and off the reserve, including guided walks and 'Explore and Make' days.

YOUR LETTERS

Why won't town Tories fight for us?

I AM disgusted by the Conservatives on Dover District Council.

They want Deal Town Council to pay the £52,000 running costs of the five public toilets in the town.

On top of that they want to take away the £9,000 they pay the town council for running the visitor information centre as well as looking to the town council to stump up £9,000 for flower-beds around town.

The Conservatives have run DDC into the ground financially and now they want the town council to help them out.

They want Deal Town Council to put its share of the council tax up by more than 40 per cent, but we're not getting a reduction on the council tax charged by DDC.

They're not even offering us recently-refurbished toilets.

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somewhere new. The White Cliffs Countryside Project organises a guided walk every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year.

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The White Cliffs Volunteers meet three or four times a week throughout Dover and Shepway districts. All equipment and training is provided and all events are led by experienced leaders who explain what we are doing and how to use the tools.

Children can join in as well. The WCCP organises Green Gang events for every school holiday and children can become Junior Rangers to learn more about wildlife and science.

It is recommended that children get at least 60 minutes of physical activity each day and the Green Gang provides lots of fun ways to have fun while learning about the environment.

The Samphire Hoe Rangers help to manage Samphire Hoe, which is open all day, every day of the year, helping with the day-to-day running of the site, assisting with visitors, contributing to wildlife surveys and helping with events.

In 2010, the WCCP will be looking for local people to become White Cliffs Rangers to keep a watchful eye on sites along the Heritage Coast, helping to maintain the sites for people and wildlife.

The aim is to recruit at least 100 local people so we can have someone looking after the Heritage Coast every day of each weekend throughout the year.

Contact the WCCP if you would like to find out more about becoming a Samphire Hoe Ranger or a White Cliffs Ranger.

Further information is available from me, Kirk Alexander, WCCP (phone 01304 241806 or 07885 599182).

Kirk Alexander
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Thanks for helping us to help emergency services

MAY I thank all those who contributed to and supported the biennial celebration for the life and work of the emergency services on Sunday, December 6, including members of the Pharos Choir and The Fortuners.

Special thanks to all those members of the emergency services who attended and got involved on the day.

The sum of £400 has been raised for the family of the police officer who was swept away in the Cumbrian floods.

This biennial celebration is intended to raise awareness of the importance of the emergency services in our lives, in the hope they are never taken for granted.

Rev Fr Peter Sherred
Ambulance Chaplain, Dover station

Grateful to all those who helped us raise money

THE Kent Timewarp Car and Costume Group would like to thank everyone who came to see us at Dover's Christmas Cheer Extravaganza on Saturday, November 28.

We would also like to thank those who donated to our charity of the year: the East Kent branch of the NSPCC.

Our thanks also go to Home Sweet Home (High Street, Dover), Somerfield (Castle Street, Dover) and Co-Op (Lower Road, River) for donating sweets which were given out at the Extravaganza, helping us raise even more money.

The total raised for the NSPCC on the day was £120.55.

We were also at the Old Lorry Farm Shop on Saturday, December 12, raising more funds for the NSPCC and would like to thank all those who donated, although the total is as yet unknown.

Our thanks also go to those who helped us out on the day and to the town council for inviting us down every year.

We shall be continuing to raise funds for the NSPCC throughout 2010 at local events and car shows.

For more about the group and how to get involved, visit kenttimewarp.tripod.com.

If you wish to contact ChildLine, you can phone them on 0800 11 11 or log on to www.childline.org.uk.

We wish everybody a Happy New Year.

Tony Cleaver
Kent Timewarp Car and Costume Group

There's no longer any need to test drugs on animals

ONE of the many priorities I have given time to since being elected to the European Parliament in 1999 has been an effort to reduce the testing of drugs on animals.

The existing law on this topic is 20 years old and even the European Commission has indicated that it wants to see methods of testing used which do not involve the use of animals.

Well, what are they waiting for?

More than 12 million animals are used in EU labs each year, but experiments on animals can be unreliable as a guide to human biology, and there is a range of viable alternatives. These include epidemiology, the use of cell cultures, human tissue and computer simulation.

The use of these methods is increasing all the time.

The European Commission must increase funding, introduce targets for reducing the number of animals used in experiments and bring in compulsory inspections of testing

facilities to dramatically improve standards of animal protection.

Caroline Lucas (Green Party)
Member of the European Parliament for Kent

Good Samaritans cared for me after carnival accident

THROUGH this newspaper I would like to thank the Good Samaritans who came to my rescue when I was knocked down and injured during the Sandwich Lights Carnival.

They include the gentleman who, despite having his two young children with him, stayed with me until help arrived; the three first aid-trained firemen who tended to me until I could be taken to hospital; and the Bell Hotel for lending me a blanket to keep me warm.

Though badly bruised (both body and pride!) I am on the mend now, thanks to all of your prompt attention – I owe you all a drink in The Bell Hotel!

Karol Steele (the panto pirate!)
Dover

Eurostar can't get away with Christmas misery

THE misery and chaos caused by Eurostar to passengers travelling on holiday or home for Christmas cannot be allowed to go unpunished.

One train breaking down in the Tunnel may be excusable, but five at once is unacceptable incompetence reminiscent of the old Soviet-run railways of Eastern Europe.

Leaving thousands of passengers stranded in the Tunnel, baking for hours, beggars belief that Eurostar's management have the faintest idea how to run a modern railway.

Allowing Eurostar the privilege of doing so with all the financial advantages of a state-sanctioned monopoly must be shunted into the nearest marshalling yard pronto.

Other rail operators must now be invited to run passenger trains through the Tunnel to force Eurostar to take a reality check after its abject failure to care for its passengers and other rail-users this past week.

Never again must any Government allow St Pancras to become a refugee camp for desperate rail travellers and never again must any government allow an international rail operator to offer up such a lame excuse as climate changes on the track for ruining family reunions at Christmas.

And most certainly not from a company that advertises skiing excursions to the French Alps.

Lord Adonis must therefore either take back Eurostar's monopoly into public ownership or force its board of directors to accept fully its responsibility for the debacle and cause heads to roll.

Donald Worsley
Labour PPC for Folkestone and Hythe

Challenge yourself to help meningitis charity in 2010

AS an Olympian and patron of Meningitis UK, I would like to encourage readers to consider adding a challenge to their list of New Year's resolutions for 2010.

The charity has a wide selection of awe-inspiring and exciting activities for people to choose from, which will not only help them to get fit but also raise money for a great cause.

Aside from places in many popular running events, opportunities also include skydives and expeditions both overseas and in the UK.

Ideas close to home are a cycle from London to Paris or climbing the Three Peaks in under 24 hours. There are also more unusual adventures, like a 10-day cycle across Cuba, a Mongolian horse-riding trip, or a Thailand jungle expedition.

Expeditions include treks, bike rides, mountain climbs, white-water rafting and sailing. Challenges cover various difficulty levels, so there's something for everyone.

I would urge you to help Meningitis UK because six families a week still lose a loved one to meningitis, and many hundreds are left with devastating after-effects.

I fell ill with meningitis and meningococcal septicaemia when I was 15 which left me in a coma for three days. Thankfully, I was lucky to pull through and be able to go on to achieve my sailing dreams.

With your help, Meningitis UK will be able to beat this disease and spare thousands of families the heartache of losing a loved one.

To find out more about setting yourself a challenge for Meningitis UK, visit www.meningitisuk.org/get-involved or phone 0117 373 73 73.

Sarah Ayton
Olympic gold medallist and Meningitis UK patron

Your old electrical items can help to fund our work

MANY readers may know about mobile phone recycling schemes to raise money for charity. But they may not know that you don't have to stop there.

You can also recycle old sat-navs, MP3-players, digital cameras, laptops and even printer and toner cartridges.

World Cancer Research Fund has launched a scheme urging people to send old mobiles, MP3-players and other electrical equipment for recycling to help raise funds for our cancer prevention work.

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Teresa Nightingale
World Cancer Research Fund

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NEW SEASON

Various dates

Trinity Theatre, Tunbridge Wells

FROM literary heroines to the ravages of war, the new season at Trinity has an abundance of treats on stage and screen.

Celebrate the life and career of a comic legend in the acclaimed one-man show Morecambe, in which Bob Golding plays the popular comedian in captivating style. More beloved characters are brought to the stage in Austen's Women, a celebration of the author's most memorable and well-observed heroines.

More great theatre is on offer with the fun-filled Off Her Trolley, Animal Farm, the thrilling Gaslight, Hitchcockian thriller Séance and The Beauty Queen Of Leenane, a darkly comic story about a middle-aged woman who finally finds love, much to her dependant mother's annoyance.

Music fans will be spoiled for choice as Five Star Swing, Phillip Dyson, the Tivoli Cafe Band, Ancora Duo, saxophonist Courtney Pine and many more pay visits to Tunbridge Wells.

Get ready to giggle when Jo Caulfield performs her latest show, Jo Caulfield Won't Shut Up, and former gossip columnist Bridget Christie has plenty of hilarious tales to relate in My Daily Mail Hell.

Jazz pianist Peter Gill and actor Andy Meller take the audience back to the 50s and 60s to relive the comedy of great American satirists Bob Newhart and Tom Lehrer.

The family entertainment programme includes Auntie Anita, Suzy Sprite and the Chocolate Thief, based on the popular Suzy Sprite stories. Other highlights include Around The World In Eighty Days, Three Favourite Tales, Igor and How The Koala Learnt To Hug.

Film buffs have the opportunity to indulge in fantastic cinema from around the world, such as The Hurt Locker (cert 15), a tense thriller in which bomb disposal experts attempt to stay alive in post-war Iraq.

Other cinematic treats include Glorious 39, the award-winning The White Ribbon, The September Issue, Cracks, Tulpan, The Cove, The Men Who Stare At Goats and many more.

For full season listings, pick up a brochure or visit www.trinitytheatre.net. Tickets can be booked online or by phoning the box office on 01892 678678.



HIGHLIGHTS: Clockwise from above:
Austen's Women, comedian Jo Caulfield,
and big screen thriller The Hurt Locker



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NEW SEASON

Various dates
Quarterhouse, Folkestone

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Great music acts in the programme including underground super-group Spycatcher, Dreadzone and Show of Hands.

Lose yourself in 2010: A Space Oddity or be enthralled by the athleticism of 2 FaCeD DaNcE's Still Breathing. Film buffs can look forward to a busy schedule of screenings and young audiences are not left out of the fun with The Rainbow Fish, Jumping Mouse and Dude! Where's My Teddy Bear?

Visit www.quarterhouse.co.uk or call the box office on 01303 858500 to book tickets.



LIVE & LOUD

Wolf meets his match in panto with a twist

FIND out who is afraid of the big bad wolf when the DODS pantomime opens next week.

Little Red Riding Hood is an amateur production which features the customary wolf, along with a twist and a very spirited granny. The show is at Dover Town Hall from Tuesday to next Saturday. Tickets are from £5 to £8 from Dover Tourist Information Centre.

Hits old and new are on offer at restaurant

SINGER and guitarist Jerry C will provide nostalgic entertainment at a pub in Dover this weekend.

Jerry C covers songs from the 60s to the 90s, with a bit of blues.

See him at Cullins Yard Restaurant and Pub in Cambridge Road on Sunday. For details of the venue, call 01304 211666 or visit www.cullinsyard.co.uk.

Discover spooky side of castle on ghost tour

DISCOVER the spooky past of Dover Castle with ghostly guided tours.

Visitors can venture into the maze of underground tunnels, hear the secrets of the King Henry II's Great Tower and find out why it is famous as one of England's most haunted castles.

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DARA O'BRIAIN

Friday, March 5
Winter Gardens, Margate



A GIANT of comedy will be among the top acts visiting Thanet over the next few months.

Irish comic Dara O'Brian has long been a respected stand-up, but he became a household name as the acerbic host of Mock The Week.

Fans are sure to enjoy an evening packed with hilarious stories and witty banter with the audience when he comes to Margate.

Tickets for O'Brian's shows are always in high demand, so book now to avoid missing out.

Lostprophets will be rocking the Winter Gardens next month and there will be more entertainers making a big noise in the ring when LDN Wrestling presents a night of British greats in action.

Another Mock The Week favourite, Frankie Boyle, brings his unique brand of humour to Margate in April, followed by celebrity psychic Sally Morgan in May.

The Winter Gardens regularly plays host to the country's hottest acts – shows by JLS and Diversity have already sold out, so take a look at the website for full season listings.

To book tickets or find out more, phone the box office on 01843 292795/296111 or visit the website at www.margatewintergardens.co.uk



MACBETH

Monday, January 18
Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone

THE murky world of Macbeth is brought to a young audience in a thrilling production by Shakespeare 4 Kidz.

Following a tour of Kent venues last year, there is another chance to see this well-presented and gripping production when it visits Folkestone later this month.

The famously unlucky play has been transformed into a show that young children can relate to, weaving famous lines from the original texts into modern language which even primary school children can understand. Songs and dances are also used to keep the action moving along, while the creepy witches and their spells will fire audiences' imaginations.

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sure to captivate audiences of all ages. Macbeth tells the story of an aspiring king driven to murder by the prophecies of witches and his wife's ambition. But can Macbeth really live with the crimes he has committed or

will justice prevail?

Performances start at 10.30am and 1.30pm. To book tickets call the box office on 0844 847 1776 or go to www.leascliffhall.org.uk. For more information visit www.shakespeare4kidz.com.

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Dream getaways

Explore the world with these top destinations for 2010

MAKE a New Year's resolution to broaden your horizons by taking the trip of a lifetime this year.

According to the World Travel Guide, tourists will be flocking to enjoy the many diverse pleasures of 10 particular hotspots. So whether you yearn for long, relaxing days on a tranquil beach or the thrill of exploring jungles, mountains or cities, here are some tantalising suggestions for getting away from it all in 2010.

With its violent past now a distant memory, lush and green Colombia offers everything from the exciting cultural life of capital Bogotá to the hedonistic party atmosphere of Cali.

New Zealand tends to be on everyone's travel wish list, so why not make this the year that you discover its dramatic mountains, stunning beaches and abundance of outdoor activities, available all year round. Although New Zealand is firmly on the backpacking trail, the country offers many luxury options for those who like to see the wilderness in style.

From endangered animals to the world's highest mountain, Nepal is home to some of the planet's great wonders. Enjoy the frantic pace of life in Kathmandu, paraglide over the incredible landscape or, if you're feeling really adventurous, make the trek to Everest Base Camp and admire the towering majesty of this captivating mountain.

This year, South Africa will be at the centre of the sporting world when it hosts the 2010 World Cup, but football fans should not forget the beautiful landscapes, thriving cities and

brehtaking wildlife that are waiting to be discovered. India has always fascinated travellers from all over the world, but it takes its share of the sporting limelight this year with the Commonwealth Games in Delhi.

Divers and water babies will be in heaven in Mozambique, a tropical strip on the Indian Ocean whose waters reveal a fabulous world of gorgeous maritime wildlife. With good transport links to South Africa, it makes the ideal

COLOMBIA



Picture: GRAHAM S KLOTZ

double break for those travelling for the World Cup.

Find out why Sweden is the European Green Capital with a visit to Stockholm, where life is substantially more eco-friendly and there is a wealth of great culture and even better food to enjoy.

In recent years Croatia has become a really

NEPAL



Picture: ALAN RRAFT

popular holiday destination, with bustling beach resorts and the fascinating walled city of Dubrovnik attracting even the

rich and famous. Turkey is the place to be for galleries, festivals and other exciting events this year, as Istanbul is one of 2010's European Capitals of Culture.

For a truly glamorous getaway, find out why Abu Dhabi is becoming one of the world's top luxury holiday spots. For those with a big budget, a champagne lifestyle awaits in this most decadent and spectacular destination.

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There has been a huge rise in the amount of people volunteering for the BHF in the last year and the charity is calling on more generous people to make a New Year's resolution to give their time for a good cause.

For more information about volunteering opportunities, phone 0844 412 5000 or visit www.bhf.org.uk/shops.

Support the community when you buy locally

STOCK up on locally-sourced foods at the new Woods Produce Store at The Pantiles in Tunbridge Wells.

Woods Restaurant and Bar has opened the store next door to its existing premises and shoppers can browse a variety of food and drink, from locally-sourced and produced seasonal goods to fudge, chocolate, rapeseed oil and bath products by Mitchell & Peach, made from Kent Lavender.

See www.woodsrestaurant.co.uk.

Enjoy a healthy start to the year at fitness chain

GET the whole family in shape for 2010 with membership at a David Lloyd Club.

At the time of writing, the fitness chain was offering the chance to win a year's free family membership at your local club. Benefits include a personalised gym programme, a free 30-minute personal-training taster session, a free Lose & Shape Up consultation and more.

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SWEDEN

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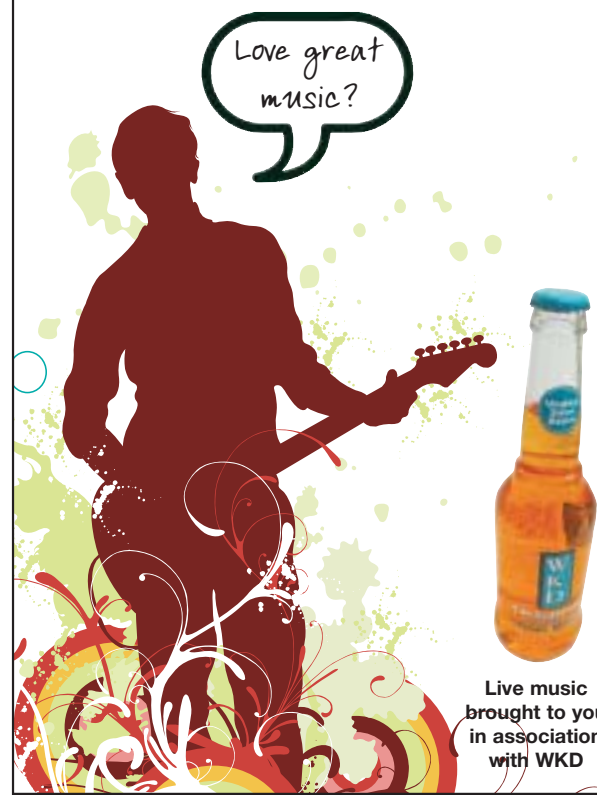
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Auditions could help you realise musical ambitions



TESTAMENT TO SUCCESS: Singer-songwriter Phil Tong

THE chance to make some headway in the music industry is still on offer from Diverse Music.

The Kent company is scouting for talent to add to its books, and has re-opened a popular auditions process after it proved to be a hit with talented people across Kent last year.

More talented artists are now being sought, as the Diverse team looks to add even more acts to its database.

Singer-songwriter Phil Tong is a testament to the potential of the process.

He got involved after taking part in the first round of auditions and was invited back to the studios to lay down many of his songs.

Confidence

Phil, 25, from Canterbury, said: "I had loads of songs sitting around doing nothing and it seemed like a bit of a waste as I really wanted to do something with them, to get them recorded. Getting involved with Diverse has enabled me to do that, and I'm really enjoying it."

Phil contacted Diverse after seeing articles highlighting the auditions in Kos Media.

He said: "I saw the advert the last time and decided to get in touch with them to see what happened."

"I'm glad I did as it really has been excellent and I'm so happy with the results and what they have been able to do for me. It has also given me a lot of confidence."

"I've got a few songs down now, working here when I have the time, and it's been an inspiring time for me."

Diverse Music, who are based in Bilting, between Ashford and Canterbury, want to put together a large network of performers and

■ BY TOM BETTS

musicians who want to get started in music.

It will give artists the chance to broaden their musical horizons and stand a chance of working with the team of creative director Malissa Whitehouse and producer Lee Gollidge.

Malissa has a wealth of industry experience, working with names such as Travis and George Michael, as well as Capital Radio.

She said: "We want to open this up for a second time to find more talented individuals who feel they have something to offer."

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YOUR TV REVIEW

■ BY TOM BETTS

THE DAY OF THE TRIFFIDS BBC1, December 28-29

LAST year I sat and watched re-runs of the 1980s serial *The Day of the Triffids* on digital.

The show had dated worse than kipper ties and was far from perfect, but it was a rather slow-moving, creepy affair that told John Wyndham's classic story well.

So imagine my delight when I heard towards the middle of 2009 that a "re-imagining" was on its way to our screens.

Of all the festive television, it was the one programme I was anxious to see.

Unlike the 80s version, which was made in six parts, this was wrapped up in two – and that was the big problem.

There seems to be a desire to sex up everything by those in charge at the BBC, to make it faster, louder and just larger in general, while cutting out the subtle nuances vital to the story in favour of staging some huge explosion or other.

It's happened with *Doctor Who*, and now the Triffids have been given a set of go-faster stripes.

The desire to blow up more stuff, run down more corridors and shout a lot more, when sometimes a bit more plot and storytelling would do just fine is a real burn on the story.

After a phenomenon in the sky leaves all who witness it blind, the horrible Triffids, plants with less sense of humour than Heather Mills and a taste for human flesh, move in.

These are not plants you will find down at the garden centre, and they pick off the helpless masses who have become their food supply and threaten the existence of survivors after the breakdown of society.



ALL-ACTION: Dougray Scott is a fine hero in the 're-imagining' of *The Day of the Triffids*

Dougray Scott was fine as hero Bill Masen, and Eddie Izzard hammed it up to become the villain of the piece, but despite the first part setting a high standard the whole thing withered when part two arrived.

It is not supposed to be the Triffids that are the creepy thing about the story, but the circumstances surrounding their rise.

The willingness of many people to cut others adrift to survive was an angle that was never nailed down in this adaptation.

Aside from all that, though, this was for the most part good fun and relatively faithful to the classic novel, aside from a few nips and tucks to update the story.

In all, I'd say good effort, but can we please have fewer explosions next time?

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

YOU could be suddenly thrust into a new social circle and the results will be wonderful. Your new friends won't be concerned with mundane matters like money. They'll live for the moment. When you're in their company, you feel as dreams really can come true.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762



TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

A NEW relationship could take you by surprise. You and your new sidekick will be spending more and more time with each other and this could threaten an old friend. They don't appreciate being sidelined for a newcomer. Maybe it's best you put some space between the two of you.

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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

A ROMANTIC relationship is showing signs of strain. A more rewarding union is on its way. In the meantime, you may be inspired to start a creative project. Your luck is very strong when it comes to games of chance, too. Do yourself a favour and plan something very special.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Leo** 09067-531756



SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

A NEW source of income could unexpectedly fall into your lap. Of course, you'll have to break a bad habit if you're going to make the most of this opportunity. An irritable youngster may be angry with you for spending so much time away from home.

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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

YOU may have to defy your boss or an authority figure in a public place. This could cause you to lose your job or incur a hefty fine. Fortunately, you have friends in high places. Calling upon one of your guardian angels will put you back on the path to good luck.

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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

TEAMING up with a business or romantic partner gives you a new lease on life. Although you've always prided yourself on being independent, you have to admit it is nice to have someone watching your back. An authority figure could blame you for something you didn't do.

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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

THE chance to buy a home could fall into your lap. Set your sights on a place that affords beautiful vistas of nature. Such a place would allow you to keep a variety of pets. An animal lover like you would benefit from a place where dogs, cats and horses can roam freely.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Virgo** 09067-531757



SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

BREAKING away from a redundant relationship is critical to your personal growth. Although the person in question has helped you in the past, this union no longer serves any purpose. Fortunately, a relative or neighbour will help you make this transition.

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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)

THE chance to go back to school, travel abroad or publish a piece of writing could come your way quite suddenly. You can't afford to dilly-dally over this offer; accept it immediately. An embarrassing secret could come to light. In situations like these, actions speak louder than words.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aries** 09067-531752



CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

LAUNCHING a fitness regimen now will put you in the best shape. Embark on a routine that involves regular exercise, nutritious food and plenty of sleep. You'll see results almost immediately. A technological breakdown could force you to cancel travel plans.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Cancer** 09067-531755



LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

A TEACHING or writing opportunity will draw favourable publicity. People love the way you communicate ideas. Don't be surprised if you inspire somebody to change career paths. Beware of overindulging as your system is quite delicate now. If you do feel distress, get a check up.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Libra** 09067-531758



CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

YOU'RE tired of putting on an act all the time. Revealing the secret part of your nature to the public will be liberating. Of course, not everyone will be pleased by what they see. Someone close may be astonished to learn what you really think about a political or religious issue.

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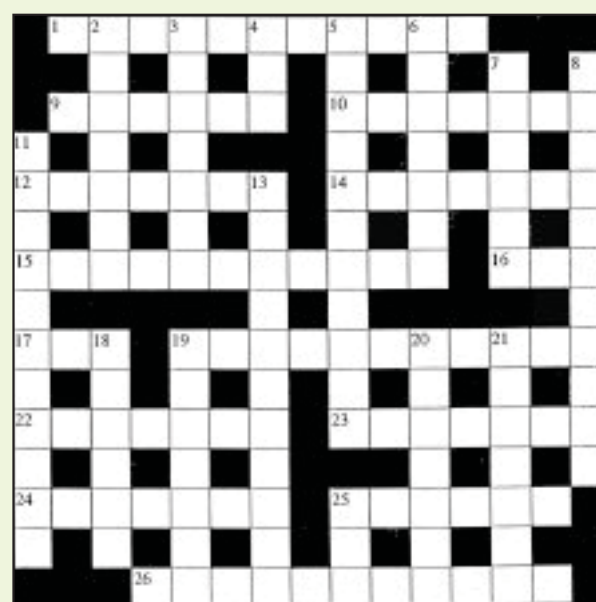
ACROSS

- 1 Making an excursion with no end of care in low-set two-wheeler (8-3)
9 Stanley's said to have a verse (6)
10 Some fail mental test. It's a pain (7)
12 Redirect battered tourer eastwards (7)
14 Do bet for elderly lady (7)
15 VIM (3,8)
16 48 out of 50 will leave it (3)
17 Some outmoded teenager of the 1960s (3)
19 Slogan that might be heard coming from long-distance racing-driver (8-3)
22 Glorious night (7)
23 Strip worn by Americans (7)
24 Meat cooked in ovens (7)
25 Blanch left in sandy area (6)
26 Navy's way in London (5,6)

DOWN

- 2 Worker getting a wrong mark including hour for animal disease (7)
3 Something unparalleled in old royal palace (7)
4 Disorientated topless maid (3)
5 Impressive gorge in Arizona (5,6)
6 We were overdrawn, a couple of newcomers first were acknowledged (7)
7 Wait, say, for heavy load (6)
8 Hackneyed poetry rewritten about horse? On the contrary (11)
11 Heir taking it for granted? (11)
13 Same opportunity gamblers might have (5,6)
18 Governess expected Ann to turn up (6)
19 No choice? (7)
20 New clue about a reactor initially using this energy (7)
21 Stop filming lice coming from dead skin (7)
25 Vehicle loan brought up (3)

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QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 Side by side (5,2,4)
9 Lapwing (6)
10 Overcome (7)
12 Stole livestock (7)
14 Drop rugby ball (5-2)
15 Cheap (11)
16 Greek T (3)
17 Bread roll (3)
19 Before written records (11)
22 Beached (7)
23 Singlet (anag.) (7)
24 A wearing away (7)
25 Garden flower (6)
26 Former county in NE England (4,3,4)

DOWN

- 2 RC bishopric of Rome (4,3)
3 Wrap round (7)
4 Exclude (3)
5 Doubling up (11)
6 Sweetly attractive (7)
7 Pail (6)
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CRYPTIC SOLUTION No117

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10 Inch 11 Styx 13 Stealing the show 14 Awarding 16 Piracy 18 Ablaze 19 Quainter
22 Jewel in the crown 24 Nina 25 Uvea
26 Luigi 27 Toed 28 Playwright. DOWN:
1 Swansea 2 Fluke 3 Razzle-dazzle 4 Poignant 5 Recite 7 Cut-throat 8 Taxiway
12 Semicircular 15 Allowance 17 Bushbaby
18 Adjunct 20 Run riot 21 Snivel 23 Owing.

QUICK SOLUTION No119

19 Paucity 20 Trishaw 21 Retina 25 Den
11 Trail-blazer 13 Dinner-dance 18 Narrow
6 Winsome 7 Bucket 8 Pronouncing
2 Holy See 3 Envelop 4 Bar 5 Jackknifing
25 Dahlia 26 Tyne and Wear. DOWN:
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Slovenia on the slippery slope

■ BY SARAH O'MEARA

SINCE independence in 1991, Slovenia – bordered by Italy, Austria, Hungary and Croatia – has been an EU success story, with a growing tourist trade and fantastically priced winter sports holidays.

Wanting to see why some choose Slovenia over Switzerland, we landed at the national airport of Ljubljana early one Saturday morning and within 45 minutes were driving into the small town of Kranjska Gora.

Our hotel, the Grand Hotel Prisank, loomed large and pink, a sharp contrast to the authentic cobbled streets and church only a few metres away. By day two we'd shrugged off the flight exhaustion and woken up to our resort. The town seemed surprisingly quiet for high-season January.

Aside from special occasions such as New Year and school holidays, the town remains largely quiet and restaurants and cafes often close in midweek.

The locals said Slovenian weather was never foggy during the ski season. But by day three, the fog – followed by the rain – had become the biggest barrier to me and a career in professional winter sports.

Sitting in our hotel watching DVDs, we stared out at a mountain shrouded with mist, noticing that, even in the fog, the short, gentle slopes were filled with happy beginners. With intermediate runs peaking at about 1,550m, large amounts of cheap accommodation and low-cost flights from all over the UK, Kranjska Gora is definitely a resort for families.

Perhaps that was why I was the only member of my ski class who didn't look fondly on



DOWNHILL RIDE: Skiing in Slovenia is about practicality, not sophistication, and the price is definitely right

any particular child in a Noddy hat as we whizzed past the kids each morning.

This emphasis on family groups may also explain why the town doesn't offer a better range of restaurants and bars.

Kranjska Gora is dominated by the hotel chain Hit Holidays. With six modern hotels (Larix, Corona, Prisank, Alpina, Kompas, Spik) and one apartment complex (Vitranc), the company stamps its mark on the town as firmly as the mountain itself.

Experienced skiers might regard it as a Primark version of the Alps. Grand Hotel Prisank offers a package-holiday blend of theme restaurants, live entertainment and activities for kids.

Its rooms were clean, comfortable and uninspiring, while the Napoli pizzeria and London tearoom lurked behind frosted glass doors on the ground floor. The hotel's information board

promised karaoke, a pool tournament and live music on Saturday night from 1980s band Candle With Hair. As new-found friends in my skiing class explained, skiing in Slovenia is about practicality, not sophistication.

One mother booked a family of four into a hotel for the week, for little over £1,000. A dad told me that he could only get a shoebox-sized room in the French Alps for what he paid here. And out on the slopes, clever types won't swish by at 100mph. For once, you're all in the same beginners' boat.

The only place in Kranjska Gora not to play Eighties hits at top volume is Mamacita, a small Mexican-Slovenian bar clearly owned by someone with a touch of style.

Coloured fairy lights and low-key music transformed this small bar into a paradise for lost Westerners, all rather delighted they had stumbled on a small slice of style.

FACT FILE: SLOVENIA

Time difference	+ One hour (GMT)
Capital	Ljubljana
Language	Slovene
Population	2,053,355
Currency	Euro (approx 1.1 to £1)
Religion	Roman Catholic
Area	7,827 sq miles

Travel facts

Sarah O'Meara was a guest of Balkan Holidays, which offers seven nights' half-board this winter at the four-star Grand Hotel Prisank in Kranjska Gora from £489, including flights ex-Gatwick via Ljubljana, transfers and supplements. Allow about £90 for connecting return flights ex-Manchester and Glasgow. A complimentary package this winter at Grand Hotel Prisank includes a free Slovenian dinner once a week, use of swimming pools in the aqua park of Hotel Larix and 50 per cent discount on local charges for use of sauna. Other facilities may be subject to local charge.

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MATCH OF THE DAY! Fun-to-be with, blonde female, 25, 5'12, a woman who loves football! Enjoys going out and staying in, looking for a like-minded man, to be her soulmate. Box 446294 **1**

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LOOKIN 4 A GUY WHO'S EASY ON THE EYE! 25yr old female, 5'8, medium-curved body, N/S, enjoys reading, painting, cinema, walks, WLTW tall, attractive male, 23-32, for friendship, maybe LTR. Box 442644 **1**

IS ANYONE OUT THERE? 31yr old easygoing, independent female, WLTW cuddly fella to enjoy the finer things in life with, leading to LTR with the right person. Box 879391 **1**

GIVE AND TAKE IN LOVE Loving loyal female, 30, blue eyes, brown hair, seeking LTR with male 30-35, 6ft+, no baggage, in the Maidstone area. Box 448471 **1**

HORSES FOR COURSES... Caring, loving, affectionate female, 30, 5'2", blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 384013 **1**

A FAIRYTALE ENDING! Princess Fiona, 34, looking to meet her Shrek. 5'8, short brown/blonde hair, blue eyes, large build, seeks romantic caring guy for friendship, maybe more! Box 877957 **1**

HAPPY DAYS! Attractive, fun-loving female, 35, 5'4", size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, tactile, WLTW intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship. Tunbridge Wells. Box 308374 **1**

FEAST YOUR EYES ON ME... Hello I'm Andrea, 35, petite 5'3, shoulder length curly hair. I enjoy eating out, cinema and I'm looking for friendship and possible long term relationship. Box 455039 **1**

SEALED WITH A KISS Petite lady, 36, long hair, blue eyes, single mum, enjoys holidays, winning and dining, laughing, seeks loyal, loving man for friendship and more. Box 453075 **1**

STARRY NIGHTS Hello I'm Sarah, single mum from Kent, brown hair, enjoy swimming nights in/out looking for a caring man to share the best thing in life. Box 878378 **1**

I LIKE DRIVING IN MY CAR Honest, caring woman, 36, 5'10, slim, blue eyes. I'm caring, honest, have four children. I enjoy drives, horse riding. Maidstone. Box 456159 **1**

MEND A BROKEN HEART Single mum, 37, fun-loving, been hurt in past, looking for nice, genuine guy for hopeful happiness - no time wasters! Box 908053 **1**

SEIZE THE DAY Loving female, 36, 5'14, brown hair, green eyes, like socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666 **1**

LOVE TO LOVE YOU Lovely female, 36, 5'14, medium/large build, blonde hair, blue eyes, own house, loves walking, going out, the usual! Seeking male for long-term/serious relationship. Box 438102 **1**

HISTORIC MEETING? Mum of three, 36, long mousey hair, blue eyes, interested in historical places, music, eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male 36-49, non-smoker, for LTR. Box 440893 **1**

CUTE AS CAN BE Cute single mum of four, 38, Kent-based, into most things, looking for friendship, possibly romance. Box 897983 **1**

EASY TO LOVE Lovely African female, 39, 5'14, likes football, socialising, cinema and cooking, looking for a loving and caring male for a LTR. Ashford. Box 460968 **1**

AN AFRICAN DIAMOND 38yr old African girl, likes cooking, going out, watching films and dancing, seeking a loving and caring boy for companionship and more. Box 446676 **1**

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NO TIES Lonely, bored, professional Tunbridge Wells Asian lady, 40, WLTW slim, single, solvent, professional white male 40-50 for company, fun, love and laughter. Box 443573 **1**

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CAN'T SMILE WITHOUT YOU Professional female, 41, 5ft, brown hair/eyes, likes country pubs and walks, looking for a gent, 42-55, to share a happy future with. Gillingham Box 462538 **1**

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ANOTHER CHAPTER Hard working PA, 43, single mum, grey-green-blue eyes, loves socialising and enjoying life, seeks loyal, honest male to find love with. Sittingbourne. Box 461037 **1**

TALL ORDER Curvy lady, 5'10, 43yrs old, blonde hair/green eyes. I live in Deal in Kent, I'm down-to-earth and like being out and about. Box 456020 **1**

LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL! Good-looking brunette from Kent, 43, 5'10, likes bowling, eating in/out etc. Looking for a good-looking guy, 35-45, with GSOH for friendship/relationship. Box 450348 **1**

LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS Laid-back single mum, very bubbly, outgoing and intelligent, 43, enjoys social life, drinks, meals, cinema; looking to start afresh with someone new, easygoing and life-loving. Box 446102 **1**

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HOW YOU DOING? Attractive, curvy single mum, 44, kind, genuine, loyal and loving, seeking a man with similar qualities to share my life with. St Leonards-on-Sea Box 459128 **1**

STAY TRUE Attractive, curvy, single mum, size 18, 44, kind, genuine, 5'5", loyal, loving, seeking a man with similar qualities to share my life with. St Leonards-on-Sea Box 461830 **1**

LOVE TO MEET YOU Kind woman, 42, outgoing, happy-go-lucky, sometimes shy, I like gardening, socialising, travel, walks. Looking for happy, fun fella. Aylesford Box 428464 **1**

GENUINE REPLIES ONLY Bubbly female, 44, brunette, N/S, medium/large build, enjoys singing and theatre. Would love to meet a decent fun-loving guy, similar age, pref non-smoker for LTR. Box 445955 **1**

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A REAL DIAMOND African lady, 47, honest, loving and caring, enjoys most things in life, looking for a male, 50+, for a LTR. Canterbury Box 460999 **1**

HELP ME OPEN UP Easygoing lady, 46, dark brown hair/blue eyes, medium build, likes life, socialising, the seaside, walks, drinks, WLTW male to share a bottle of wine with. Box 444585 **1**

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HIYA I'm a cute and laid-back guy, 41, 5'8, short hair, athletic, very tactile, loving and spontaneous, likes shopping, travelling, eating in/out, hate football! Brighton. Box 450614 **1**

ONE STEP CLOSER Truthful male, 43, 5'8, brown hair/eyes, medium build, own house, enjoys most things, seeks loving woman. Brighton Box 455722 **1**

THE REAL THING Honest, hard working man, 40, 5'9", short dark hair, blue eyes, well-hung, looking for a lady to be a friend and attractive love. Box 463374 **1**

MAKE A DATE Canterbury chap, 28, wicked sense of humour, caring, cuddly and open-minded seeks companionship and more. My perfect evening...sola, movie, choccies, a bottle of red. Box 863308 **1**

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TAKE ON ME Blue eyed male, 45, 6ft, medium-athletic build, likes country/coastal walks, live music bars and cinema; seeks attractive romantic female 35-55 for nights out/maybe LTR. Maidway. Box 468753 **1**

SHARE THE GOOD LIFE Professional male, 45, own home/car, likes cinema, weekends away, the coast, a BBQ and good wine, looking for friendship, hopefully more. Box 426202 **1**

FAMILY LIFE Happy-go-lucky dad, 46, sportsy, keen in good shape, own place, looking for an honest person to get to know well, possibly for relationship. Box 452446 **1**

ROMANCE IS ALIVE Easygoing 46yr old good looking male, GSOH, looking for a bubbly female, 45-45, for romance and share the good things in life. Box 454688 **1**

GET YOUR FEET WET Separated male, 47, 5'8" medium build, 14 stone, enjoys going out, holidays, walks on the beach looking for a trust-worthy lady 40-50. Eastbourne. Box 458485 **1**

MADE TO MAKE YOU HAPPY Easygoing guy with GSOH, 46, not bad looking, looking for someone to enjoy friendship, romance and maybe something more. Eastbourne. Box 456248 **1**

GSOH A MUST! Hello there, I'm a 47yr old guy, 5'11, dark brown hair. I'm professional and work hard and enjoy cars, history, walking, cycling, architecture. Kent. Box 463244 **1**

MEET YOUR MATCH! Slim single dad, 47, works full time, looking for a slim/medium build lady, 25-50, children not a problem. Hobbies include, fishing, football, diy and cooking. Dover Box 462630 **1**

GAINING CONFIDENCE 47yr old chap, Brighton based. I have my own company and I enjoy most things in life. Looking for a fresh start with a genuine lady. Box 463623 **1**

TAKE MY HAND Genuine, honest man, 47, likes dining out, walking, looking for a share the good life with a woman. 40-50. Deal. Kent. Box 460441 **1**

GET HAPPY Easygoing guy with GSOH, 46, not bad looking, looking for someone to enjoy friendship, romance and maybe something more. Eastbourne. Box 461443 **1**

LOTS OF LOVE TO GIVE Family-man tired of living in a void, 47, 5'11, very caring, looking to meet a woman with a heart of gold to be happy with. Box 447341 **1**

GOING SWIMMINGLY! Sincere, down-to-earth male, 47, 6ft, good-looking, athletic, own business, likes swimming, cinema, music, gigs, walking, seeking slim, laid-back lady, 28-45, for potential LTR. Box 440847 **1**

FUN IN THE SUN Young 49 year old male looking for a serious ltr. Enjoy good food/drink, laid-back lady, need nice lady to enjoy them with me. Box 868561 **1**

THE ROMANTIC KISS Easy-going professional 50yr old man, looking for a woman for friendship, maybe more. I enjoy most thing in life, especially holidays abroad and romantic dinners. Box 452860 **1**

SOMEONE FOR EVERYONE Slim guy, 49, I like motorbikes, gardening, sports, diy. I'm honest, reliable and straight forward and WLTW someone who wants to move forward. Box 458008 **1**

COME FLY WITH ME Single father, kind and caring, 5'9", blue eyes, slim build, lives by the sea, seeking as lovely lady to share life with. Box 463679 **1**

IMAGINE IT... Almost 50, fairly slim male, bit of grey like cycling, socialising, golf non-smoker, seeking a laid back lady for fun times. Sittingbourne. Box 463766 **1**

PATIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING Understanding, caring, single, 54, male, 5'10, medium build, grey hair, I enjoy beach walks, cinema/theatre, bowling, darts. Looking for lasting relationship. Canterbury. Box 462892 **1**

LOVE AND LAUGHTER. Male, 55, 6ft, good sense of humour looking for a soul mate and best friend as well as a lover. Must be single and honest. Box 863979 **1**

GET TOGETHER Professional man, care manager, active social life, 55, looking for a similar lady in Eastbourne. Box 458990 **1**

A VERY GOOD SOH... Hi I'm Malcolm, 56, live by the sea, very youthful, 6ft, slim, tall, blue eyes, very attractive apparently...! Enjoys the outdoors, seeks similar lady. Westgate-on-Sea. Box 460324 **1**



PROPERTY NEWS

Google set to move in on property market

GOOGLE is believed to be developing plans to launch a property portal in the UK that would compete with Rightmove.

According to analysts, talks are progressing with estate agents and listings on the new site could be free, unlike Rightmove's, with revenues generated from advertising.

Rightmove currently operates the UK's largest property portal and claims to advertise about 90 per cent of all homes for sale.

Rival website FindaProperty.com is predicting that 2010 will be a year of "consolidation rather than fireworks" for the UK housing market, with house price growth likely to be in the region of -2 per cent to +4 per cent.

The firm expects pent-up need for people to sell to affect the market in January and February, resulting in a 10 per cent surge in stock that could create further price dips across the UK.

FindaProperty director Michael O'Flynn ended the report by saying: "Confidence is on the rise as the UK is looking set to come out of recession in Q4 of this year."

Drop in prices a blow for retirement funds

BRITONS' reliance on property has left more than one million over-50s looking gloomily on their retirement prospects, according to a recent study.

According to a poll by insurer LV=, 12 per cent of homeowners aged 50 and over are relying on capital growth from their homes to part-fund their non-working years.

The boom years of the UK's housing market encouraged lower contributions to pension schemes in the belief that house prices would continue to rise.

The expectation continues, despite the average home having lost £27,250 in value over the past two years, with 29 per cent of 4,000 people questioned expecting prices to recover within five years.

Meanwhile, 17 per cent are proposing to improve their homes to adjust their losses and 21 per cent will save more for retirement.

LV= spokeswoman Vanessa Owen said: "In a matter of months millions of pre-retirees have seen both their property and pension fund values battered. Despite this, their confidence in the long-term value of bricks and mortar remains."



Estate agents feel the pressure in recession

■ BY NICK AMES

WHILE house prices may be on the rise due to a restricted supply of sellers, new figures show that one in six estate agencies has closed over the past year.

Research carried out by The Local Data Company across the UK's largest markets during the 12 months to October 2009 shows 142 outlets - 15.8 per cent - shut.

Chains of five units or more were worst hit, losing 54 outlets -16.8 per cent - compared with 89 independents - 15.2 per cent.

Looking at the chains based on figures for the whole country, Halifax was the biggest casualty, shutting 30.6 per cent of its branches, going from 147 to 102.

Baird remains the most dominant force, with 174 outlets compared with 218 in 2008, which is still a large drop of 20.2 per cent.

Savills closed just six of its 80 branches - a cut of 7.5 per cent.

James Moss is a director at Curzon Investment Property, one firm to have bucked the trend.

He said: "The closures are a direct result of the property crash, but the other huge problem we have is that people see estate agents more like window salesmen than doctors.

"With no mandatory licensing system in the UK, a murderer could get out of jail one day and become an estate agent the next.

"While the best estate agents are great, often they are few and far between and it's no wonder that many less reputable ones have closed.

"This means that overall standards are often low compared with America, Australia or France, where agents are fully licensed and held in high esteem.

"While various trade bodies have voluntary schemes, by definition these won't catch the crooks.

"Mandatory licensing of all estate agents is vital if we're to improve the quality of service and build the standing of the profession in the eyes of the public."



TOUGH TIMES: Estate agents have struggled in the downturn, while their industry also has an image problem

Tories pledge to axe unpopular HIPs

FIGURES from the Conservative Party claim that some two million house-sellers have so far stumped up a combined £657.6 million for Home Information Packs (HIPs).

The packs were phased in during 2007, just as the UK property market began to crumble, and critics claim their usefulness has remained in

question as they do not contain the one document a buyer most wants to see - a property survey.

However, the Tories claim that HIPs have raised £94 million for the Treasury in the form of VAT and are promising to get rid of the packs if they take office.

Only the need for an Energy Performance Certificate, current-

ly part of the HIP, would be maintained.

Shadow housing minister Grant Shapps said: "By imposing a £657.6 million burden on the housing market during the longest recession in living memory, Labour's short-sighted policy is milking the industry dry."

He added: "They should have

listened to the consumers, the industry and the Conservative Party and scrapped this discredited scheme before it even began."

Conservatives claim that the number of homes for sale remains at a record low and HIPs can be blamed for removing speculative vendors from the market.

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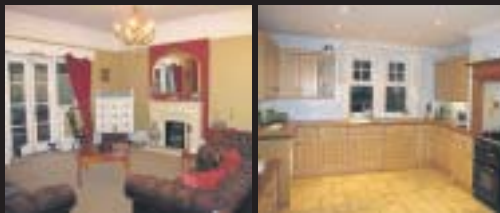
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Citroën delivers little touch of luxury with C3

IT'S a small car, but the Citroën C3 launched on January 15 represents a big statement by the increasingly confident French marque.

It delivers a larger feel for those who really are trading a family hatchback or something bigger in favour of this five-door supermini – the airy cabin is also aided by a panoramic front screen on all but the lowliest models (from £10,790).

This brings a stylish luxury touch to the C3 range and defines its more upmarket stance compared to its predecessor.



Venga is due here soon

KIA'S all-new and crisply styled Venga arrives soon to attack the Ford Fiesta sector.

Touted as a premium product, it has Honda Jazz-like baby MPV proportions with an unusually long wheelbase and high roofline for a big cabin.

Sliding rear seats fold flat to the floor for the van-like cargo capability preferred by supermini buyers.

Both the 75bhp 1.4-litre petrol and 115bhp 1.6-litre diesel powertrains will be available with Stop and Go technology to save fuel and emissions. Luxury options include a tilt/slide panoramic roof.



Mazda's sporty MPV 5 gets even better for '10

NEW Year changes for the sporty Mazda5 MPV have upgraded kit and the line-up, with more easily identifiable Takara and Furano models replacing the previous TS2 and Sport.

The '5' has always been both good to drive and versatile with sliding rear doors and easy-folding seating for seven at a pinch.

But the overhaul disguises a price hike of nearly £1,000 for the four petrol and two diesel models – now from £17,150 and £19,555 respectively.



QUICK OFF THE MARK: The new five-door Vauxhall Astra is a stunning all-rounder and includes innovative thinking about how people use storage in a typical family hatch

Astra delivers an upbeat plotline for the new year

ROAD TEST VAUXHALL ASTRA

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

LET us hope that 2010 starts a new episode for Vauxhall after a plotline last year worthy of a TV soap.

One minute Vauxhall's US overlord General Motors was inviting bidders for the UK brand and continental counterpart Opel and then it was all change – 'no deal' said the Yanks.

It soured a year in which Vauxhall/Opel's Vectra replacement, the Insignia, scooped the European Car of the Year Award 2009, and the sixth generation Astra nearly earned the 2010 gong, for what would have been a remarkable double.

And the latter probably deserved the honour more than the Insignia; the new five-door Astra is built at Ellesmere Port on Merseyside – which won the right after becoming Europe's most efficient GM plant – and is a stunning all-rounder, echoing the Insignia's slick styling while setting high cabin standards for the family hatchback sector.

This includes innovative thinking about how people use storage in a typical family hatch and, as with its predecessor, a racy downswept roofline that does not eat into rear headroom.

The sector currently accounts for 23 per cent

of registrations, but 60 per cent of that goes to the company/fleet sector and Vauxhall wants to woo the more discerning and profitable private buyer – the Astra is right on the money there.

It drives as well as it looks; the previous car was no slouch, but Vauxhall delved into Britain's industrial past and used a Watts linkage for the rear of the chassis – another ingenious invention by 18th century steam pioneer James Watt.

This counters lateral pressures when cornering hard and makes the Astra one of the best handling cars in its sector.

Nimbleness is aided by a revitalised engine line-up including an eagerly awaited all-new 140PS (138bhp) 1.4-litre turbo petrol unit, replacing the conventional 1.8 unblown unit of the old car.

We've said it before, but lightweight yet punchy petrol engines could halt the switch to diesel as they begin to deliver more low down urge, better economy and lower emissions.

This engine (from £17,290) certainly sits well here and if you want more petrol power there is also a classy 180PS 1.6-litre Turbo (from £20,555) – the most powerful unit available for now. Astra prices start at £15,675.



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ALFA ROMEO

147, JTDm DUCATI CORSE 02 Special Edition, 2009, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking cruise control diesel drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights full service history heated seats immobiliser power steering traction control twin airbags remote central locking isofix child seat points, carbonio black metallic, 5000 miles, £15000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

147, 1.6 TS LUSSO, 2005, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag e/w immobiliser metallic paint power steering single cd player tonneau cover trip computer twin airbags remote central locking, beige metallic, 38061 miles, £5000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

AUDI

A2, 1.4, 2001, cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser metallic paint tonneau cover twin airbags remote central locking, black, 66439 miles, £4000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

A4, 2.0 T FSE SE 4dr, 2005, abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player cruise control electric windows front fog lights immobiliser power steering traction control trip computer remote central locking, grey, 60000 miles, £9400, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

TT, QUATTRO 225, 2002, abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player electric windows front fog lights immobiliser power fold mirrors leather interior multiple airbags pas sports seats traction control trip computer remote central locking , blue, 93731 miles, £7000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

BMW

3 SERIES, 320i SE, 2005, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels auto transmission central locking climate control cruise control drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser power steering reverse parking aid, blue, 26014 miles, £13000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

X3, SPORT AUTO, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission central locking climate control drivers airbag e/w immobiliser leather interior multiple airbags power steering reverse parking aid, silver, 41968 miles, £15000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

CHEVROLET

LACETTI, SX 1.6, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning cd player central locking electric windows full service history immobiliser multiple airbags power steering single cd player tinted glass twin airbags remote central locking, silver, 20123 miles, £5000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

MATIZ, SE, 2005, abs brakes cd player electric windows immobiliser power steering sports seats, silver, 11416 miles, £3500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

TACUMA, SX 1.6, 2006, abs brakes cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering single cd player, blue, 11123 miles, £5000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

CITROEN

BERLINGO, Multispace Forte 16v, ak07 zpp, air conditioning, power steering, electric front windows, remote central locking, remote alarm, twin air bags, abs, radio cassette, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, cloth upholstery, adjustable steering column, beige, 14700 miles, £5995, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

C1, 3, g5f6kwc, 1 registered keeper franchise approved abs power steering drivers airbag passenger airbag immobiliser £35 road tax, grey, 25047 miles, £5495, Folkestone, 01303 245 588 (TRADE)

FIAT

500, 1.4 POP, 2009, abs brakes cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights immobiliser multiple airbags power steering single cd player trip computer twin airbags front passenger air bag deactivation switch remote central locking, white over 4000 cars in group stock, 50015 miles, £10000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

BRAVO, 1997, red fiat bravo 1.4, 1997, very very nice and clean car, drives well and economic no dent. clean in and out mot until october 2010 6 months tax power steering, elec windows, central locking, airbag, radio/cd player, etc... really very good drives and cheap to run! email is.....sash31@yahoo.com or call or txt 07940721966, no time weasters please need any picture or viewers are welcome anytime... cheers and thanks for viewing, red, 140 miles, £790, osarobo ogjemudia, 07940721966 (PRIVATE)

PANDA, 4X4, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player electric windows immobiliser power fold mirrors power steering trip computer remote central locking, red, 22583 miles, £6000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

FORD

C-MAX, 1.6TDCI TITANIUM 110 5DR [DPF], ea58axk, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, central locking, electric mirrors, remote locking, colour coding body., insurance group:8, blue, 3741 miles, £14490, Crayford, 01322 621667 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.25 Style, 2007, cd player drivers airbag electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint power steering trip computer twin airbags remote central locking, blue, 13940 miles, £7500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.25 STUDIO, 2007, abs brakes cd player central locking metallic paint power steering trip computer, met blue, 14002 miles, £6000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

FOCUS, 5, bv56aem, insurance group 6 abs air conditioning alarm alloy wheels audio remote control body coloured bumpers drivers airbag electricdoor mirrors folding rear seats front electric windows front fog lights heated door mirrors height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser passenger airbag power steering radio/cd remote central locking side airbags sports seats steering wheel rake adjustment steering wheel reach adjustment trip computer 1 owner service history, blue, 18000 miles, £7000, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

MONDEO, 5, hd52jnk, insurance group 7 abs air conditioning alarm alloy wheels audio remote control body coloured bumpers drivers airbag electricdoor mirrors electrically adjustable drivers seat folding rear seats front electric windows heated door mirrors height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser passenger airbag power steering radio/cd rear electric windows remote central locking side airbags steering wheel rake adjustment steering wheel reach adjustment 2 owners service history, sea grey, 46000 miles, £3000, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

HONDA

CIVIC, I-VTEC SE, 2005, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels automatic transmission central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering, satin silver, 23251 miles, £6500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

CR-V, 2.0i VTEC sport, 2005, abs brakes alloy wheels cd player central locking cruise control electric windows front fog lights multiple airbags power steering sun roof remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, silver, 37000 miles, £9000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

JAZZ, I-V-TEC EX, 2009, abs brakes alloy wheels cd player cruise control electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors power steering trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, blue, 1390 miles, £11000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

JAZZ, SE, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, blue, 44000 miles, £6000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

HYUNDAI

COUPE, 2.0 SE, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights full service history immobiliser metallic paint leather interior power steering sports seats trip computer twin airbags xenon headlamps remote central locking, platinum silver, 9129 miles, £8500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

GETZ, CDX 5dr, g0j6aao, abs, air bag, side air bags, immobiliser, alarm, air conditioning, stereo, electric front windows, locking wheel nuts, isofix, 13" alloys, 14" alloy wheels, pas, ashtray, remote fuel filler release, black radiator grille, electric operated/heated door mirrors, front seatbelt pretensioners + load limiters, sunglasses holder, tinted glass, heated rear window, digital clock, body colour door mirrors, black side protection mouldings, glovebox, height adjustable driver's seat, body colour door handles, body colour bumpers, 60/40 asymmetric split folding rear seat, front seatback pockets, three 3 point rear seatbelts, front overriders, high mounted rear brake light, cigarette lighter, roof aerial, electronic headlamp levelling, audible lights on warning, front wipers with variable intermittent facility, seaside blue, 40000 miles, £4995, Welling, 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

MATRIX, Gsi, oy56 gnp, air conditioning, cd player, radio, power steering, electric windows, electric mirrors, cloth upholstery, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, central locking, roof rails, twin air bags, abs, adjustable steering column, alloy wheels, silver, 23500 miles, £4995, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

ISUZU

RODEO, Jiffy Hot & Cold Catering Truck, vx06xey, jiffy pica hot & cold snack wagon, super large rear oven, super large fridge display area, hand wash, silver, 34000 miles, £13995, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

JAGUAR

S-TYPE, V6 SE Auto, re04 wgd, air conditioning, climate control, full leather, power steering, parking sensor, traction control, trip computer, cruise control, adjustable steering column, electric windows, electric mirrors, auto-dip rearview, remote central locking, remote alarm, centre armrest, electric seats, heated seats, height adjustable seat, rear headrests, front fog lamps, rain-sensing wipers, auto lighting, twin air bags, curtain airbags, abs, cd player, radio, steering wheel audio controls, electric handbrake, alloy wheels, silver, 41700 miles, £9995, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

S-TYPE, V8 R Auto, 2002, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player wheels automatic transmission cd player central locking climate control cruise control drivers airbag electric windows heated seats immobiliser leather interior multiple airbags power steering reverse parking aid satellite navigation television, midnight, 47500 miles, £12000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

X-TYPE, SE (Euro 4), 2006, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking climate control cruise control drivers airbag electric windows heated seats immobiliser leather interior multiple airbags power fold mirrors power steering reverse parking aid satellite navigation, silver, 38091 miles, £11900, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

KIA

RIO, 5, ic58rgv, insurance group 4 abs air conditioning alloy wheels body coloured bumpers central locking drivers airbag folding rear seats front electric windows front fog lights height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser passenger airbag power steering radio/cd steering wheel rake adjustment, clear silver, 5178 miles, £8695, Beckenham, 0208 662 6133 (TRADE)

SEDONA, 5, ic58jil, insurance group 13 abs alloy wheels body coloured bumpers climate control drivers airbag electricdoor mirrors folding rear seats front electric windows front fog lights heated door mirrors height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser passenger airbag power steering radio/cd rear electric windows remote central locking reverse parking aid roof rails side airbags steering wheel rake adjustment, blue, 8136 miles, £14995, Beckenham, 0208 662 6133 (TRADE)

SOUL, 2009, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player electric windows front fog lights immobiliser power fold mirrors multiple airbags power steering traction control remote central locking, black, 3452 miles, £10000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

LAMBORGHINI

DIABLO, 1998, purple metallic with cream leather, 57000 miles, £59950, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

LAND ROVER

DEFENDER, 130 TD5 Box Body, bt51tdv, remote alarm, power steering, tow pack, 4x4, 130 td5 single cab with box rear body, price is £8, 995 + £1, 349.25 vat = £10, 344.25 total. road tax (lgv) is £185 per year. white, 120000 miles, £8995, Staplehurst, 01580 890333 (TRADE)

DISCOVERY, TD5 GS Manual 7 seater, g530fm, climate control, cd player, twin sunroofs, abs, remote alarm, remote central locking, traction control, cloth upholstery, adjustable steering column, power steering, twin air bags, front fog lamps, headlamp jetwash, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, roof rails, tow pack, electric mirrors, electric windows, alloy wheels, 4x4, road tax (diesel car) is £215 per year. bonatti grey metallic, 50000 miles, £10995, Staplehurst, 01580 890333 (TRADE)

MX-5, 1.8i, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors multiple airbags power steering sports seats trip computer remote central locking remote audio controls, red, 17733 miles, £11000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

LDV

MAXUS, Lwb 3.5/95 Refrigerated Chiller / Freezer, bv57hru, dual passenger seat, side load door, cd player, air bag, abs, remote central locking, power steering, immobiliser, electric windows, gr lined, gah fridge, electric standby available if required, over fifty fridge vans in stock. www.BHVR.co.uk, white, 26000 miles, £9995, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

LEXUS

GS, 300 SE Auto, ax03bpx, full leather, air conditioning, climate control, electric sunroof, electric seats, height adjustable seat, heated seats, power steering, traction control, cruise control, adjustable steering column, auto-dip rearview, electric windows, electric mirrors, remote central locking, remote alarm, abs, twin air bags, curtain airbags, centre armrest, rear headrests, multi-disc cd player, radio cassette, rain-sensing wipers, front fog lamps, trip computer, alloy wheels, green, 33500 miles, £7495, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

IS, 2007, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking diesel drivers airbag electric windows full service history immobiliser multiple airbags power steering single cd player remote central locking, black, 35000 miles, £11800, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

IS, 2007, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking diesel drivers airbag electric windows full service history immobiliser multiple airbags power steering single cd player remote central locking, black, 35000 miles, £11800, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

LOTUS

ELISE, 1.8 111R, 2006, abs brakes alloy wheels central locking electric windows metallic paint power steering remote central locking, grey over 4000 cars in group stock, 8967 miles, £20000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

ELISE, S, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player, black, 11000 miles, £26000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

EXIGE, S - PERFORMANCE SPORTS TOURING, 2009, abs brakes alloy wheels cd player central locking electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint multi cd player power steering sports seats remote central locking, blue, 8100 miles, £30000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

MAZDA

2.1, 4000, red, 55 miles, £11900, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

2, TS, 2007, adriatic blue, 7310 miles, £9000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

3.1.6, 2008, abs brakes alarm fitted cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors leather interior power steering single cd player sports seats trip computer remote central locking, blue, 31000 miles, £12600, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

3, TS, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels central locking drivers airbag electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering trip computer front passenger air bag deactivation switch remote central locking, blue, 21500 miles, £6550, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

5.20 SPORT 7 seater, 2007, abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player electric windows front fog lights immobiliser multiple airbags power steering traction control trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points roof bars remote audio controls, silver, 43349 miles, £8000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

5, TS, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering trip computer front passenger air bag deactivation switch remote central locking, blue, 21500 miles, £6550, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

5.20 SPORT 7 seater, 2007, abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player electric windows front fog lights immobiliser multiple airbags power steering traction control trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points roof bars remote audio controls, silver, 43349 miles, £8000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

5, TS, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint power steering single cd player sliding rear seats split folding rear seats trip computer remote central locking, grey, 37500 miles, £6200, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

6, 1.8, 2008, abs brakes cd player central locking climate control drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser, red, 55 miles, £21000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

MX-5, 1.8i, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors multiple airbags power steering sports seats trip computer remote central locking remote audio controls, red, 17733 miles, £11000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

MERCEDES-BENZ

A CLASS, A170 Avantgarde SE auto new shape just 24000 miles, lx55uza, remote alarm, remote central locking, half leather, centre armrest, folding rear seats, rear headrests, cruise control, multi-function steering wheel, power steering, traction control, abs, isofix, multiple airbags, auto lighting, colour coded body, front fog lamps, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, electric mirrors, electric windows, air conditioning, cd player, radio, steering wheel audio controls, 16" alloys, always over 60 mercedes-benz cars in stock! we will not be beaten on price! fully fa regulated, aluminium silver, 24000 miles, £9995, Welling, 0208 8548037 (TRADE)

E-CLASS, E220 CDI Avantgarde 2004, 2005, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player central locking climate control cruise control drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser leather interior multiple airbags power fold mirrors power steering, black, 39686 miles, £14000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

E-CLASS, 280 CDI Avantgarde, 2006, abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission bluetooth car kit cd player climate control cruise control diesel electric windows full service history heated seats immobiliser metallic paint leather interior multiple airbags power steering traction control twin airbags remote central locking, metallic silver, 31155 miles, £18500, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

MINI

COOPER, 2002, silver, 60000 miles, £6000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

COOPER, 2004, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking cruise control drivers airbag electric windows heated seats immobiliser leather interior multiple airbags power steering reverse parking aid satellite navigation, blue, 40655 miles, £9000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

COOPER, 1.6, 2006, abs brakes alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint power steering single cd player trip computer remote central locking, silver, 25000 miles, £9500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

NISSAN

350Z, 3.5 V6, 2005, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors leather interior power steering single cd player sports seats trip computer remote central locking, blue, 31000 miles, £12600, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

350Z, 3.5 V6, 2005, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors leather interior power steering single cd player sports seats trip computer remote central locking, blue, 31000 miles, £12600, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

MICRA, TEKNA, 2009, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking climate control drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights full service history immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering reverse parking aid split folding rear seats trip computer twin airbags front passenger air bag deactivation switch remote central locking isofix child seat points, metallic faded denim, 12600 miles, £8000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

MICRA, S 3DR, 2006, abs brakes cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser power steering single cd player twin airbags remote central locking, coral blue, 36452 miles, £5000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

MICRA, 1.2 ACENTA, 2007, red, 10932 miles, £5000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

NOTE, 1.6 SE, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering single cd player tonneau cover trip computer twin airbags remote central locking, metallic orange, 41000 miles, £5500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

PEUGEOT

1007, 1.6 SPORT, 2007, alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights immobiliser power steering single cd player tonneau cover trip computer twin airbags remote central locking, red, 9700 miles, £7000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

206, STYLE SE3r, gj54 oxz, power steering, abs, cd player, radio, twin air bags, remote central locking, remote alarm, front fog lamps, rear headrests, rear wash/wipe, cloth upholstery, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, silver, 23600 miles, £4395, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

307, HDi 90 LX (AC), 2001, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser power steering, silver, 48822 miles, £4000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

307, GT, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking diesel drivers airbag electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering single cd player split folding rear seats sports seats remote central locking, silver, 13000 miles, £8100, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

Expert, 815 1.9d, rx54xe. cloth upholstery, head restraints, twin sliding doors, bulkhead, barn doors, dual passenger seat, radio, air bag, power steering, remote central locking, immobiliser, white, 79000 miles, £3745, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

EXPERT, 9 Seat Tepee Comfort H1 L2 120 bhp 6 Spd, ds08bgrz, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, adjustable steering column, parking sensor, power steering, abs, air bag, head restraints, electric mirrors, electric windows, cd player, folding rear seats, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, twin sliding doors, anti-theft system, centre armrest, child locks, 3-person rear seat, dual passenger seat, rear headrests, barn doors, red, 12000 miles, £12745, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

PORSCHE

911, C 2 S (997), 2007, abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels central locking climate control cruise control electric windows heated seats metallic paint multi cd player leather interior power steering satellite navigation, blue, 22000 miles, £44900, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

911, 3.6 C2, 2003, abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player climate control cruise control drivers airbag electric windows full service history heated seats immobiliser metallic paint leather interior power steering satellite navigation sports seats trip computer remote central locking remote audio controls, black, 48422 miles, £23500, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

911, CARREARA AS TIPTRONIC S, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player central locking climate control drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights full service history heated seats immobiliser metallic paint leather interior power steering reverse parking aid satellite navigation tinted glass traction control trip computer remote central locking, meteor grey metallic, 9500 miles, £59990, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

RENAULT

CLIO, EXPRESSION 16v 3dr, gj06kyo, immobiliser, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, folding rear seats, adjustable steering column, power steering, abs, multiple airbags, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, air conditioning, cd player, colour coded interior, height adjustable seat, stability control, electric front windows, electric mirrors, steering wheel audio controls, visit our website for details of 50 similar Cars. silver, 54000 miles, £5290, Kent, 01342 851122 (TRADE)

CLIO, CAMPUS 8v 5dr, fd57pzk, immobiliser, remote central locking, colour coded interior, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, power steering, abs, twin air bags, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, electric front windows, radio cassette, visit our website for details of 50 similar Cars. silver, 20000 miles, £4990, Kent, 01342 851122 (TRADE)

CLIO, CAMPUS 8v 5dr, fd57pzd, immobiliser, remote central locking, colour coded interior, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, power steering, abs, child locks, twin air bags, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, electric front windows, radio cassette, visit our website for details of 50 similar Cars. silver, 18000 miles, £4990, Kent, 01342 851122 (TRADE)

LAGUNA, 1.9 DCI 130 DYNAMIQUE, 2005, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking diesel drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser power steering single cd player tonneau cover trip computer twin airbags remote central locking isofix child seat points, mercury, 34527 miles, £6000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

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TOUGH START: Deal were thrashed by Juddians

Juddians inflict further pain on injured Deal side

Deal & Betteshanger 3
Tonbridge Juddians 43

THE toughest start to 2010 turned out to be exactly that for Deal & Betteshanger as they became the latest side to fall foul of champions elect Tonbridge Juddians.

Already ravaged by injuries, Deal were hurt further by the loss of Ali Chamberlain to a nasty-looking knee injury and with Wessels Wolmarans in unstoppable goal-kicking form, there was only ever going to be one winner.

The game started evenly enough with the

RUGBY

hosts holding their own and Leighton Doherty slotted a penalty to get the scoreboard ticking, but Neil Meyer crossed for the first try and the boot of Wolmarans rattled the score along to 17-3 at the break.

The Juddians' superior fitness began to tell as the second-half wore on, and Meyer touched down again before Jack Brown – one of three former Deal players in the TJs line-up – added a third try.

Still Wolmarans kept kicking, and while the

hosts were satisfied to restrict their big-spending visitors to just three tries, the final score of 43-3 reflected a greater margin between the sides.

Deal & Betteshanger director of rugby David Storrie said: "Tonbridge spend £45,000 a year on coaching staff whereas my total budget is £21,000 and that has to cover transport, kit, everything. It's a shame they've done it like that and if the benefactor decided to pull out they'd be ruined, but that's their choice."

Sunday brought no relief for the Deal squad, who were beaten 25-5 by London 1 South side Old Elthamians in the Kent Cup. They travel to East Sussex this Saturday to face Eastbourne.

Picture SIMON HARRIS



STAYING PUT: Andy Hessenthaler will stay

FOOTBALL

Hess says resignation rumours are rubbish

DOVER Athletic boss Andy Hessenthaler has rubbished rumours suggesting he offered his resignation after his side's 6-2 Boxing Day capitulation at relegation-threatened Lewes, writes Tom Howard.

Dover suffered their worst defeat since Hessenthaler took charge more than two years ago as they threw away a two-goal lead to lose 6-2 at struggling Lewes.

Rumours on the club's fans forum suggested Hessenthaler, who helped guide Dover to consecutive promotions, offered his resignation after the final whistle. However, the Whites boss refuted the rumours and remains dedicated to his job at the club.

He said: "I don't know where that has come from, but I have to admit I was deeply hurt by the defeat especially as we were two goals up. As far as I'm concerned I have still got a job to do here and we all need to pull together at the club to get back on track."

The Dover boss has admitted some of his squad are not good enough for Blue Square South. After a meeting with chairman Jim Parmenter, Hessenthaler revealed there is money available to bring in a number of new faces.

He said: "I don't like to be too hard on my players, as they have come a long way, but that performance was unacceptable and they know it. It's not going to be easy to bring players in at this stage of the season, but I have been told there is money available and we might have to make some offers for players."

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BREAKTHROUGH: Olly Schulz forces the ball home (left) to open the scoring against Lewes and celebrates with his team-mates (right)



Picture SIMON HARRIS

Whites are back on course after a Christmas to forget

FOOTBALL

■ BY TOM HOWARD

Dover Athletic 2

Schulz 70, Birchall 90 pen

Lewes 0



SECOND-HALF strikes from Olly Schulz and Adam Birchall helped Dover Athletic see off Lewes to avenge their disastrous 6-2 Boxing Day thrashing.

Sammy Moore, making his return from injury, became the forefront of Dover's attacking threats and was unlucky not to get his name on the scoresheet.

The midfielder's powerful six-yard volley forced a stunning stop from Rikki Banks, before lashing an effort from the edge of the area over the bar.

The lively Birchall should have given Dover the lead minutes before the break with the best chance of the half.

The former Wales under-21 striker latched onto a long ball and only had Banks to beat, but he fired his shot straight at the goalkeeper.

Dover continued to create chances but Lewes almost took a surprise lead when Joe Keehan let fly with a shot from 20-yards which produced an acrobatic diving save from Dover goalkeeper Lee Hook.

With 20 minutes of the game remaining, the home side finally broke the deadlock through defender Olly Schulz. A Nicky Southall corner was flicked on by Moore to Schulz, who poked the ball into the net at the far post.

The game was decided in the final minute, when Dover were awarded a penalty for a handball in the area. Birchall made no mistake with the spot-kick, sending the goalkeeper the wrong way. The result moved Dover up to third in Blue Square South.

Darren Hare, Dover's assistant manager, said: "The result was the most important thing. We've had a few knocks of late with our defeat to Lewes on Boxing Day and we felt we owed the fans a result.

"Luckily we got a couple of goals to deserved-

Dover Athletic starting XI



Subs used: Cloke (Leberl 65), Marsh (Collin 83), Miller (Welford 90)

ly win the game. It's been a difficult couple of months for us. We've had to chop and change the team due to injuries, but credit to the players because they were under pressure.

"Everybody was expecting a response from us and we got one."

The Whites will be switching their attention to the FA Trophy next Saturday with a trip to Blue Square North high-flyers Fleetwood Town.

Meanwhile, winger Jerahl Hughes has left the club by mutual consent after the strain of travelling to games and training sessions from his Brighton home proved too much.

Spiller in shock return to leaders Folkestone

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BY DAVID PRITCHARD

LEE Spiller has re-signed for Folkestone Invicta after recovering from a serious knee injury which kept him out of the game for more than a year.

The 31-year-old missed the whole of 2009 with the problem, but following surgery and a lengthy rehabilitation programme he is fit enough to return. Spiller has signed forms with the Seasiders, much to the delight of manager Neil Cugley, who admitted he was surprised to receive a call from the former Gillingham and Dover midfielder.

"Lee phoned me and asked if he could be involved with us again," Cugley said. "I'm very pleased, he's a good asset to have around because as well as being a good player he's a bubbly character, which is good to have in the changing room."

"He hasn't cost us anything, which is great and when he trained with us on Saturday he looked fit, so I don't think it will be long before he's available. It's great news because we need some cover in midfield – we've been very lucky with injuries there so far."

The Seasiders endured a frustrating

festive period, with three of their last four games either postponed or abandoned. Last Saturday's game at Ashford was one of several in the region to fall foul of the freezing conditions.

In midweek Invicta's game at Chatham Town was abandoned with ten minutes remaining following an horrific injury to Mark Green, who broke his leg in three places. It came shortly after a bad tackle on Liam Dickson, but Cugley felt Frankie Chappell's challenge on Green was fair.

He said: "There was no problem with Frankie's tackle but with the wet conditions it turned into a bad injury. It's a great shame because Mark played for us last season, he's a nice lad and the players are having a whip round for him this weekend. Fortunately you don't see many broken legs in football these days, but it's always a shock when it happens."

Invicta, who start 2010 seven points clear at the top of Ryman South, host struggling Eastbourne Town at Cheriton Road this Saturday. Simon Austin is available again after missing the Chatham game, so skipper Jimmy Dryden, who is edging his way back to full fitness after a long lay-off, will revert back to the bench.

Dickson should have recovered from his leg injury, which means Cugley could name the same starting line-up for the 12th successive game.



RE-SIGNED: Lee Spiller has recovered from injury and is back with Invicta

RUGBY



ASSIST: Joe Hull (right) set up Folkestone's try but Whitstable came from behind to win

Folkestone fail to keep Whitstable at bay

Whitstable 17 Folkestone 5

DESPITE making the perfect start in their first game of the New Year, Folkestone conspired to hand the initiative and the points to Kent rivals Whitstable.

The Stones stunned their hosts with a tenth-minute try when Joe Hull fed Steve Morgan, who powered over to score. However, rather than pressing home their advantage, Folkestone took a step back and allowed Whitstable back into the game.

After a series of penalties for either side, the home side made one count when a scrum in the Folkestone 22 saw the Whitstable centre found by a sublime pass and go over to level the scores. The conversion followed and Whitstable led 7-5 at half-time.

With the game so finely balanced, Folkestone remained very much in touch but their composure and organisation deserted them at the start of the second-half and the hosts capitalised.

Conversion

Moving out of their 22, Whitstable produced a sweeping move from left to right as they raced downfield to score their second try of the afternoon and increase the lead to nine points with the conversion.

Still the Stones enjoyed the lion's share of possession in good areas, but too often they abandoned the game plan in favour of needless kicking, confused passing and over-inventive moves which left head coach Lee Jeffery scratching his head on the sidelines.

Eventually Whitstable broke and scored a penalty to firmly put the game beyond Folkestone, for whom Chris Petley – promoted from the academy side – was a rare bright spot on an otherwise gloomy afternoon.

Whitstable's victory closes the gap between the sides in London 3 South East to four points, with Folkestone now preparing for the visit of Medway on Saturday. Jeffery's side clearly have the quality to trouble teams but they must turn their sporadic spells of excellence into concerted and consistent pressure if they are to climb the table.

LEAGUE TABLES

(not including midweek games)

BLUE SQUARE SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Newport County	23	17	5	1	+35	56
2 Woking	24	12	6	6	+8	42
3 Dover Athletic	25	12	5	8	+8	41
4 Chelmsford City	24	12	5	7	+2	41
5 Braintree Town	22	10	9	3	+9	39
6 Thurrock	23	11	6	6	+7	39
7 Eastleigh	22	10	5	7	+4	35
8 Brimley	22	10	5	7	+5	35
9 Bath City	22	9	7	6	+10	34
10 Staines Town	24	8	10	6	+9	34
11 Welton United	24	10	4	10	-2	34
12 St Albans City	24	9	1	10	-1	32
13 Basildon Town	24	9	5	10	-11	32
14 Bishop's Cleeve	23	8	6	9	+1	30
15 Havant & Waterlooville	20	6	9	5	+1	27
16 Maidhead United	22	6	8	8	0	26
17 Dorchester Town	23	6	4	13	-17	22
18 Hampton & Richmond	21	5	6	10	-9	21
19 Worcester City	23	4	7	12	-7	19
20 Lewes	22	3	8	11	-14	17
21 Weston-super-Mare	23	4	4	15	-18	16
22 Weymouth	22	3	5	14	-30	14

RYMAN DIVISION ONE SOUTH

1 Folkestone Invicta	21	15	5	1	+19	50
2 Worthing	22	14	1	7	+17	43
3 Godalming Town	20	12	3	5	+15	39
4 Walton & Hersham	21	11	4	6	+7	37
5 Croydon Athletic	19	10	6	3	+21	36
6 Fleet Town	20	10	3	7	+11	33
7 Ramsgate	20	9	5	6	+7	32
8 Merstham	21	9	5	7	-1	32
9 Chatham Town	22	9	3	10	-6	30
10 Sittingbourne	18	8	4	6	+7	28
11 Burgess Hill Town	19	8	4	7	+2	28
12 Corinthian-Casuals	21	8	3	10	-3	27
13 Whyteleafe	21	8	2	11	+2	26
14 Dulwich Hamlet	20	6	8	6	+4	26
15 Leatherhead	18	7	3	8	+4	24
16 Horsham YMCA	22	5	9	8	-4	24
17 Metropolitan Police	20	5	7	8	+3	22
18 Walton Casuals	20	6	4	10	-7	22
19 Chipstead	22	5	5	12	-14	20
20 Whitstable Town	21	5	2	14	-27	17
21 Eastbourne Town	22	3	7	12	-23	16
22 Ashford Town	18	2	5	11	-30	11

KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

1 Faversham Town	15	11	2	2	+24	35
2 Herne Bay	13	9	1	3	+13	28
3 Erith & Belvedere	14	9	0	5	+4	27
4 Sevenoaks Town	14	7	3	4	+6	24
5 Beckenham Town	13	7	1	5	+9	22
6 Greenwich Borough	14	6	3	5	0	21
7 Hythe Town	11	5	4	2	+16	19
8 Tunbridge Wells	15	4	7	4	0	19
9 Erith Town	11	5	3	3	+7	18
10 Sporting Bengal	14	5	3	6	-10	18
11 Deal Town	12	4	4	4	-4	16
12 Norton Sports	12	4	1	7	-5	13
13 Holmesdale	14	4	1	9	-6	13
14 Fisher	16	3	3	10	-18	12
15 Corinthian	13	2	3	8	-15	9
16 Lordswood	11	0	3	8	-21	3

FIXTURES

(Saturday): FA Trophy second round: Fleetwood Town v Dover Athletic; Ryman South: Folkestone Invicta v Eastbourne Town; Kent League Premier Division: Corinthian v Hythe Town; Deal Town v Sporting Bengal United



FRUSTRATION: Hythe manager Scott Porter is frustrated by having several games cancelled due to the icy weather

Gloomy forecast for Hythe

HYTE Town face a congested second-half of the season after having another game called off due to the weather last weekend.

The meeting with Erith Town at Reachfields was called off due to a frozen pitch on Saturday, which means the club have not played a league game in more than a month.

With their lengthy cup runs earlier in the season, Hythe have played just 11 games in the Kent League so far, up to five games less than other sides.

Town boss Scott Porter said: "We've been playing catch-up from the start of the season but this weather hasn't helped. It's very frustrating because everyone just wants to play. We'll have more and more midweek games now, but that's the situation we're in and we'll have to get on with it."

The unexpected lull has at least allowed

FOOTBALL

players to recover from injury, with Gavin Ransley and Matt Bower fit to return for Saturday's trip to Corinthian. Dave Cook and Pat Kingwell are both unavailable for the game.

Deal Town were also denied a chance to begin the New Year with a victory as their clash with basement side Lordswood was also postponed due to the freezing conditions.

They were due to play their Kent Senior Trophy quarter-final this weekend, but it will now be delayed until their opponents – either Sevenoaks or Milton & Fulston – can play their second round tie. Instead Derek Hares' side will host Sporting Bengal United in the league this Saturday.

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